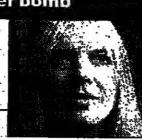
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# Howard's £2bn jail cover-up

Secret costings block Learmont proposals to improve security

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Alen Travis Home Affairs Editor

jails up to recom-mended minimum cannot afford the 12 billion price tag, according to internal Whitehall documents seen by

The papers also show that the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is being advised to cover up from Parliament the HE Government is to shelve key parts of a package to bring Britain's scaled down security Home Office ministers told

vide the minimum security in the jails recommended by the official inquiry into the Parkhurst prison breakout has

ernment out of the BSE crisis. The disclosure comes as

prison governors claim that Home Secretary written ear-record prison numbers lier this year. "Ministers recently led to to inmates have would not wish to indicate package.

The need for an extra £2 billion of public money to provide the minimum security in the initial.

was contingent on achieving adequate funding." The document suggests alternative devices for omitting to tell MPs that he has not secured the necessary Treasury funding for Learmont's main recommendations.

Learmont's 127 recommenda-tions. They include bringing all prisons up to a minimum standard of security with strengthened perimeter fences and new closed circuit television systems; training for prison officers 14 days a year instead of the current five; replacing dormitory accommodation with cells; introducing electronic and magnetic locking systems; improving searching of visiproblem," says an internal Whitehall submission to the

that implementation of a significant security report improving searching of visi-tors; and building a new "supermax" prison to hold the most dangerous inmates.

The £2 billion bill spread ings are "ballpark figures" over four years covers 73 of Learmont's 127 recommendations. They include bringing all prisons up to a minimum beyond our ability to handle in the forseeable future ... we in the forseeable future ... we the special spring as "there is not undue political priority package to upgrade the high security prisons, costing a total of £118 million. Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Prospections generated by the Lear why the real costs need to take a view on the pri-ority we attach to the differ-ent elements of the Learmont

report".

The Prison Service must decide which elements to press ahead with and which "it can put on the backburner the prison service security.

tension between the expecta-tions generated by the Lear-mont report, which ministers broadly supported, and the realities of staff and capital corts which followed

indefinitely".

The documents suggest to Mr Howard he can delay making a full response until November — a year after Learmont reported — as long pressed for an interim high

of the Learmont report had not been made public. "These not afford. Cuts and mini-mum levels of security are

### Russia puts **Yeltsin on** course for second term

David Hearst in Moscow -

ORIS Yeltsin appeared on course to win a second term as Russia's president last night as early results and exit polls gave him a clear lead over his Communist Challenger. Gennady Cosed nolling by 3rm the clear to the cosed nolling by 3rm the cose

Zyuganov.

But the Yeltsin camp's de light over his likely success will be tempered by renewed worries about the president's health, raising questions about who will wield real power in the Kremlin in the coming weeks and months.

With 15 per cent of the vote counted, Mr Yeltsin led by 52 to 41 per cent. A television exit poll estimated the Yeltsin lead at 15 per cent. But the president's men urged cau-tion after turnout fell well below last month's first round. sults will not be col-

lated until today.
"The result is too optimistic. The red belt regions have not yet been included in the results and I think there will be some closing of the mar-gin," Vyacheslav Nikonov, a senior Yeltsin campaign official, said. "The gap between the candidates will be less

than 10 per cent." Mr Yelisin's big day began badly when he failed to cast his vote at a Moscow polling station where the world's media were awaiting him. It emerged that he had cast his vote in a private sanatorium.

The first Communist reac tion to the results sounded like an admission of defeat Anatoly Lukyanov, a leading member of the Zyuganov team, said: "We will take the results calmiy. Our bloc will accept the result and we will be a weighty opposition

The first results came from



areas, and his campaign team were worried by reports of a low turnout in his heartland

turnout was a little over 62 per cent, just above the level that presidential supporters calculate would give him a clear lead over Mr Zyuganov. The communist leader has

proved his ability to get faithful communist voters out in two successive elections, but Mr Yeltsin's support built on a coalition with the nationalist General Alexander Lebed was always going to be harder to predict.
If Mr Yeltsin's clear margin

of victory is confirmed, it may be enough to stamp his authority over feuding factions in the Kremlin and Gen Lebed, his loose cannon of a security adviser.

The day started with a public relations disaster for the presidential campaign, as Mr Yeltsin, aged 65, who had disappeared for a week amid conflicting reports about an alleged "sore throat" failed to show up at his local polling

He was filmed by his own cameras casting his vote in Barvikha the elite sanato-rium in which he spent a month a recovering after two mild heart attacks last year. Moving slowly, but manag ing a smile, Mr Yeltsin said: "All of you, absolutely all of you come to vote! Do not for-get your duty!" His press spokesman, Sergei Medvedev, later explained the last-min-ute switch in the polling arrangements, claiming that Mr Yeltsin had got permission to vote in a different station the

night before. The prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, continued to insist that the president was all right. "Would I have left the country, had things been otherwise?" he said, referring to his recent trip to the G7

meeting in Lyon. National television gave no hint of the morning crisis, showing instead a ticking clock showing the time left for voters. In an message that became dangerously two-edged, the clock was accompanied by the sound of a human

Mr Zyuganov arrived as his turn to page 2, column 3

Knobbly liver? page 2;



Sir Cliff Richard, with 'backing group' of (from left) Pam Shriver, Rosalyn Nideffer, Martina Navratilova and Gigi Fernandez, entertains at Wimbledon yesterday Photograph; GIL ALLE

### Sir Cliff to serve – with throwbacks

Richard Williams on how rain halted play | Gigi Fernandez, Elizabeth | All Shook Up and Livin' Smylie and half a dozen | Doll whizzed by, in the atand pop's sedate golden oldie held sway

UST when Tim Henman threatened to bring 30-odd years of the Beatles and the Stones, the handmodern era, up jumped Sir Cliff Richard on to the very same Wimbledon stage to take British pop music back into the dark ages.

Sir Cliff, the nation's number one tennis groupie as well as its oldest surviv-ing pop star, took advan-tage of a long rain delay on men's quarter-finals day — which saw Henman's match postponed until today — to serenade the cold and frustrated Centre Court spectators from his seat in the royal box.

Pete Sampras and his Dutch opponent Richard Krajicek were at two game all in their first set when the drizzle set in. Three hours later, after the crowd had exhausted its repertoire of community singing and party games, Sir Cliff came to the rescue.

Commandeering a micro-phone and the empty royal box, he began his perfor-mance with, inevitably, Summer Holiday. "What next?" he asked. "Do you remember The Young Ones?" The faces of the many foreign visitors

remained politely blank. But there were enough genuine Brits in the crowd other past and present stars of the women's tennis "The Supremes!" Cliff

said, beaming proudly. More like Ginny and the Groin Strains, others felt. Notable by her absence was Sue Barker, Sir Cliff's sometime alleged girlclapping was resolutely an-chored to the on-beat. John Lennon, Mick Jagger. Johnny Rotten, Morrissey, Liam Gallagher — suddenly friend. The 1976 French they seemed to have passed across the face of British Open champion and cur-rent BBC-TV Wimbledon culture with no more consequence than Bobby Wilson, Billy Knight, Roger Taylor, the Lloyd Brothers and Jeremy Bates. presenter is generally credited with lighting the fuse of his tennis obsession by teaching him to do some-thing with his tennis racket

As Sir Cliff swung into Bachelor Boy, an all-star backing vocal group filed into the row behind him: other than imitate Hank Marvin. But nothing could hold back Sir Cliff, who at 55 looked almost as boyish asthe 21-year-old Henman. Pam Shriver, Martina Nav-

ratilova, Virginia Wade,

Ground staff wait to mop up after the rain PHOTO: TOM JENKINS

mosphere — enhanced by the large green canvas tent covering the court itself —

experience of my career," Sir Cliff announced, "I never thought Pd play the Centre Court."

But it couldn't last. "Who knows who we'll be singing this to on Sunday night?" he said, introducing Congratulations, which came second in the 1968 Euroyision Song Contest (not, one hopes, an omen for Hen-man). And as the crowd swayed in walts time, the sun came out. Just like Woodstock, really,

Summer blues



'We're going where the sun shines brightly We're going where the sea is blue Seen it in the movies Now let's see if it's true'

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prime minister, will be rushed through

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delivered record profits and a booming order book as his farewell. after 33 years in charge of GEC.

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A verse from Sir Cliff's hit, Summer Holiday feels even better when you drink

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#### Sketch

# the temple of Scone



Simon Hoggart

HE message on the Com-mons monitors was dra-matic: "Statement: The Stone of Destiny". Some of us had no idea what the Stone of Destiny was. I vaguely imagined it must be a milky-white phosphorescent thing in a Harrison Ford film. The evil Nazi steals it and

holds it up, cackling: "Yes, Ha! Ha! It is mine! The Stone of Destiny is mine! Now I have absolute power and will rule the world!" Then the Stone gets cross and turns him into pile of dust.

It didn't sound much like John Major. Anyhow, it seem he was using the posh name for the Stone of Scone. (I always enjoyed the fact that at Scottish Tory conferences in Perth, the cake stand was staffed by members of Scone Conservative Association.)

The Prime Minister rose to make a statement about returning the Stone to Scotland. This was meant to be freighted with historical resonance. "Exactly 700 years ago. in 1296, King Edward I of England brought it from Scotland and housed it in Westminster Abbey," he intoned, rather like the Archbishop of Canterbury crowning someone, or at least appearing on Stars on Sunday.

So be was hurt when Scottish Labour MPs started jeering and gurgling. One even shouted "Come on, Jock." when he stood up. It was one of those mass outbreaks of laughter which start for no obvious reason, but take hold of the participants who become

helpless in its grip.

Maybe they were amused by
the barefaced political chutzpah. It has been Suck Up To Scotland week in the Commons, and this was the crafti-

est piece of opportunism yet. Perhaps it was Mr Major's March Of History prose style. "I now wish to inform the House that, on the advice of

Her Majesty's Ministers, the Stone should be returned to Scotland," he declared. Whatever the reason, every

word was greeted with louder ribaldry. The Stone of Destiny holds a special place in the hearts of all Scots... return it to its historic home land... the Stone will be in-stalled with due dignity." By the end, Labour MPs were helpless with laughter.

Not so Mr Blair, who managed a coherent reply. Mr Major congratulated him in one of his circular sentences "I am glad you treated the matter with the seriousness deserved and not the levity which so many of your MPs seemed to regard a matter tha will be regarded as of very great importance in Scotland."

Various Scottish Tories stood up to say what a splen-did gesture he had made. Opposition MPs said the oppo-site. Sir David Steel said that Scots didn't just want the sym bol, but the substance.

John Maxton (Lab. Cath-cart) didn't even want the symbol. People who wanted a Scottish parliament, he said. do not believe that the return of a feudal, medieval symbol of tyranny is any more than a total irrelevance". Mr Major looked as if he would happily drop the Stone on Mr Maxton'

Tommy Graham (Lab. Renfrew W) had an appalling idea. "For every thousand un-employed people we should get a bagpiper and march the Stone with 200 unemployed bagpipers from one end of the ountry to another!"

Mr Major replied that unemployment was falling in Scotland. "When we have that piper we will have people with new jobs, with permanent jobs, following that piper, in-stead of all those people who were only in work because of subsidies."

A march of the employed, with pipers! Perhaps they could march from London to Jarrow, in order to glost about their good fortune. Still, it could be worse. Mr Graham might have suggested instead 200 pipers for every person out

I also know that John Major is the kind of person who would insist on taking the Stone in his cabin baggage — and I would be the bloke stuck behind him in the gangway.

Free vote expected on proposals to give backbenchers £9,000 more and ministers a £30,000 increase

# Indiana Major and PM set for £60,000 rise

for MPs and minis-ters for more than 30 years, including a £60,000 pay rise r the next prime minister to £143,000 a year, are to be rushed through Parliament

> The Cabinet is expected today to agree to a free vote for MPs to approve a £9,000 increase for backbenchers and pay rises worth £20-£30,000 for ministers. Tony Blair, who will stand

> to benefit from the biggest rise in the prime minister's pay this century if he enters

Downing Street, declined yes will vote next week. John Major did not disclose his view, either. But Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, is to vote against and will back a 3 per cent increase in line with inflation.

Details of the pay rises were revealed yesterday with the leaking of a report by the Senior Staff Salaties Review Board to the Press Associadue to be discussed by the

The report calls for sub-stantial rises to redress a long period in which MPs' pay has been tied to inflation after Lady Thatcher removed the link with civil service grades.

aries of £103,000 per year for cabinet ministers and the Speaker, an increase of over £33,000 on the present £69,651 a year. Ministers of state would receive £74,125 and junior ministers £66,623, rises

MPs' pay rises are tem-pered by a substantial curb on motor mileage allowances. The report describes the top rate of mileage paid, 74.1p, as "unjustifiably generous" and recommends reducing the level to that paid to peers, 47.2p a mile. This could mean

the loss for an MP running up 10,000 miles of nearly £2,500 a

Office costs allow

The report recommends sal | MPs. currency \$42,906. will ries of \$103,000 per year for rise to \$48,562 if the report is | agreed

The SSRB report has found room for a big increase in the prime minister's and cabinet ministers' pay by recom-mending that they receive a full parliamentary salary of of between £15,000 and £20,000 £43,000 to recognise the fact that their responsibilities as MPs continue unabated. At present, they receive a

reduced MP's allowance. Reaction last night was mixed. The veteran Labour MP, Alf Morris, who has cam-paigned for better pensions for MPs, welcomed the move.

The Conservative former trade minister, Alan Clark, disagreed. "If anything they should get a cut," he said.

Labour's transport spokes woman, Clare Short, said she rould oppose the rises, until there had been a thorough review of MPs' jobs. Mr Major, in an interview

with Classic FM radio, said he had written to the leaders of every party seeking their views "to see if we could reach a consensus. I haven't yet had replies from all of them. But those I have heard from seem simply to be saying that it is a matter for the House of Commons, and they

Mick Graham of the GMB said: "The prime minister's pay goes up 260,000 while local government workers are offered 11p an hour. What

view

don't wish to express a party

makes it even worse is that the dustmen, cleaners and school meals staff actually deschool meals stan actually de-liver on their jobs. John Ma-jor's performance should leave him taking a pay cut." Sir Colin Marshall, presi-dent of the CBI and chairman

of British Airways, said: This is an enormous level of in-crease, a great deal more than people in BA or in the economy generally are getting."

Support came, however, from Cedric Brown, the former chief executive of British Gas, whose pay rise sparked off the "fat cat" controversy. He said: "I am sure a prime minister is worth every penny of this pay rise."



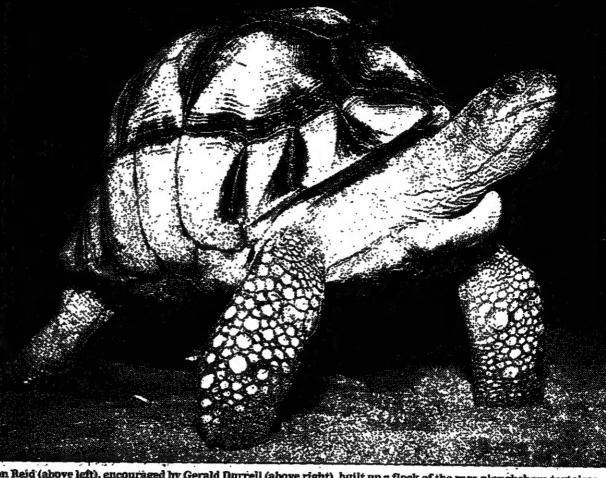
### **Tortoise** snatch risks wipe-out

lan Katz on the fate of a rare species

HE CAST includes a former bait and tackle salesman from Essex, a Dutch animal detective, an environmentalist hitman and 75 of the world's rarest tortoises. The action takes place on three continents. Welcome to the case of the Great Ploughshare Torgreed, criminal ingenuity and environmental activism that could determine

the fate of an entire species. The drams began on a clear moonlit night in the Ankarafantsika Forest of Madagascar when persons unknown cut two holes in a chain-link fence and stole two adult ploughshare tor-toises and 73 hatchlings. The loss amounted to an

the ploughshare is perilously close to extinction.



Don Reid (above left), encouraged by Gerald Durrell (above right), built up a flock of the rare ploughshare tortoises

believed to be living in captivity or in the animals' tiny natural habitat in

Madagascar.
"It is a major tragedy," said John Hartley, co-ordinator of overseas projects for the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, the Channel Islands zoo which funded the ploughshare breeding programme from which the reptiles were stolen. "This is the world's ecological disaster since rarest tortoise and half of the total captive population

with only about 400 The ploughshare tor- simply because he has no Madagascar believed to be living in toise's flirtation with expose to fight," wrote Gerald now, it seemed tinction owes much to its profound lack of enthusiasm for sex. Males will mate only when they are aroused by fighting other animals, using the plough-shaped protruberance which gives them their name.

"A lone male kept with any number of luscious, buxom and voluptuous females (by tortoise stanDurrell, the naturalist and novelist who founded the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust.

Which is where Don Reid comes in. The former owner of a bait and tackle store and cricket fanatic was breeding crocodiles when Durrell persuaded him to move to Madagascar for a year to try to save the dards) just tends to wander ploughshare. Ten years round forlornly, ignoring later he had built up a flock of about 150 ploughshares tractions of the females, at a remote facility in the

work had been wiped out in the few minutes it took to clear half of his locked

A huge global manhunt, which involves 100 officers in at least five different countries, was launched within hours of the animals' disappearance on

May 6. Wil Luiyf, the Dutch detective co-ordinating the hunt, is convinced the ploughshares were stolen hy professional smugglers. continues.





He said the animals are bought by collectors determined to secretly breed their own colonies of

endangered creatures.

Mr Luiyf is convinced the ploughshares are spread around several countries. 'We know exactly who's involved in this case but we need evidence to do some-thing," he said.

But just as investigators seemed to be catching up with the villains, the case took a surreal twist. Mr Luiyf and his team received word that "some ecological anarchist group" was attempting to arrange the assassination of the sus-pected smugglers.

Mr Luiyf is reticent about the details of the alleged hit contract, disclosing only that he has passed the information to interpol. His own investigation

### Techno by the Tiber? Spooky!

Dave Simpson

VERYONE agreed that
this was the most surreal event they had seen. A neo-symphonic Techno outfit playing their own free festival on the banks of the Tiber,

whatever next? The setting was not just perfect, it was breathtaking. The stage was within casting distance of the ancient river. At each side, two sets of pine trees were illuminated by red light looking like scenery in a magical fairy grotto.
The illuminations extended

to the river, where a succession of spotlights made it possible to see underwater plants moving, and two nearby bridges were similarly spotlit. A gathering of mosquitoes flit-ted in and out of the lights like tiny glow flies. Or perhaps they were just dancing to the

Spooky are one of the most adventurous acts to come out of Britain, and perhaps it was expected that they would conjure up such a bizarre gig. The band — Charlie May and Duncan Forbes — first emerged on the Guerrilla label in 1993, when their unique brand of Techno was so advanced they invented a new name for it, Progressive House. Three years later Guerrilla has collapsed, but Spooky have reemerged with their own Generic imprint through A & M, and even left Progressive House behind. Nobody knows quite what to call their new music. It is not quite Techno. not exactly dance music, al-

Martyn Halsall

REAS of central Manches-ter bombed by the IRA are

likely to attract hundreds of millions of pounds of private investment, Michael Hesel-

tine, the Deputy Prime Minis-

ter, said yesterday as he un-veiled an initial 121 million

aid package.
The goal should be to "rede-

sign the city centre . . . for the

21st century". An interna- After the bomb, G2

Private cash will rebuild city

though there are elements of

What is certain is that Spooky produce a hypnotic and often stunningly beautiful concection of sounds, some of which are synthesiser gen-erated and some which were just lying around in their carefully and you will hear their lawnmower, their micro wave and even Oscar, Duncan's cat, whose percussive purr has been shamelessly

samples.

Spooky emerged shortly before eleven, by which time a hotchpotch of Italian house devotees and confused locals had gathered in earnest. The ponytailed duo quickly launched into Oblong and it illustrated the burgeoning in-terest in Spooky in Britain.

Their music boasts some glorious hooklines and a knack for melody. As their tunes (mischievously titled things like Shunt and Clank) powered out, it was apparent that something unique was taking place. It was like the mutual recognition of Rome's ancient past and a bold, chal-

enging future. After about 20 minutes the crowd included passing motor scooterists who had stopped to investigate the commotion, disrupting the highway and echoing Bono's old cry about rock 'n' roll stopping the traf-fic. Except this was not rock'r 'roll. As the melancholy strains of Mono drifted merged fauna, a strange sad-ness came over us, as if we knew a night like this would never happen again. That is our problem, and that is the size of Spooky's great

tional competition will have

deadline for tenders by No-vember and substantial

the next three years.

hanges are expected within

All the initial funding would come from Europe and would be expected to be

matched by private sector or

local authority contributions

It would include £20 million from the UK's allocation of

European structural funds.

### A bloated voter with a suspected knobbly liver

Luisa Diliner

ORIS Yeltsin's carefully staged appearance at the ballot box yesterday gave few clues as to what is medically wrong with him. It was only possible to rule out that he has not had a serious stroke, or a massive heart attack. For a man of 65 he looks older and sicker than many of his contemporaries. Although he looked pale and stiff he was walking unaided and moving both arms - a full blown stroke would make this unlikely. Some observers have noted his speech is slurred and he

struggles to produce coherent sentences. His face is bloated sentences. His lace is bloated and puffy. His pre-election bout of disco dancing was not a convincing display of carefree good health. If anything it harked back to displays of uninhibited public singing that indicated his brain as wall as his body was unwell. well as his body was unwell.

Most of what is reported about President Yeltsin's

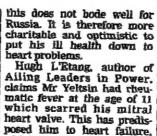
health is speculation. The US press says he has liver cirrhosis caused by too much vodka. Cirrhosis causes chronic damage in which the liver looks knobbly and is no longer as effective in getting rid of toxic substances from If Mr Yeltsin is an alco-



President Yeltsin casts his vote in Barvikha yesterday

bolic, this could explain at least some of his symptoms His sudden absences from public life could be due to al-coholic blackouts after binge drinking. Although he may recover quickly it would leave him shaky and verbally

Chronic drinking damages the frontal part of the brain which can lead to impulsive and inappropriate behaviour. Alcoholism can also cause de mentia. If Mr Yelisin's sick-ness is a legacy of alcoholism,



which would make him tired and short of breath and would cause ankle swelling. Drugs can often control symptoms. Mr Yeltsin is also said to have angina and to have had at least one heart attack. He often slips his right hand into the left side of his jacket, although it is not obvious that he is suffering from chest pain at the time.

The Russian president would have been hard pushed to walk around 48 hours after a heart attack but could have recovered from a bout of angina in which the heart mus-cle is deprived of blood for a while — but not so much that

a part of it dies. Whatever the cause of Mr Yelstin's ill health, most newspapers will already have his obituary in hand. Perhaps only after death will we find what was wrong with

Or Dillner is the Guardian's

#### Yeltsin on course for second term

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polling station in a black
volga surrounded by armed
guards. He said of Mr Yeltsin:
"Apparently his state of
health is not very good. In the
last few days he has not seen any of his closest aides. But I am interested in the appear

Mr Yeltsin's lifelong rival the former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, and the extreme nationalist leader. Vladimir Zhirinoveky, both ostentatiously cast their votes against both candidates.

day by the presidential election analyst, Vyacheslav With doubts about his health. Mr Yeltsin needs a

As the day progressed, strong lead to stop there reports of allegations of itable allegations communist fraud. These were from the losing side. strong lead to stop the inev-

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# Stone of Scone's going home after 700 years



OHN Major delighted patriotic Scots but as-tonished the political establishment at Westminster yester-day by unexpectedly announcing that the ancient Stone of Scone is to be returned to Scotland 700 years after it was seized by the marauding English.

The Prime Minister's announcement, which ministers insisted was not a political gesture towards Scottish nagesture towards Scotusn na-tionalism, means that the "Stone of Destiny" — the his-toric symbol of Scotland's monarchs until Edward I brought it to Westminster Abbey in 1296 — will be rehoused later this year, probably in Edinburgh Castle or nearby St Giles' Cathedral. probably in Edinburgh Castle others said. Ministers in sisted it was authenticated in Downing Street was quick to quell speculation that Mr the papers which prove it.

Others said. Ministers in a wily politician. He has been plained that the "stolen working to boost Scottish political self-esteem through a series of symbolic moves, in terms of the Treaty of North-

pressure on Britain to hand back other cultural icons back other cultural icons seized during its imperial heyday, notably the Elgin Marbles. The Stone is the property of the Queen and is simply being removed from one part of her kingdom to another, the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, confirmed.

Ministers also tried to Ministers also tried to squash the instant revival of another legend, that the Stone, which was stolen by

nationalists — stolen back, they would say — in 1950, was not returned to its place be-low the Coronation Chair in 1952 — the year before the Queen became the latest monarch to be crowned above it. A fake was substituted and the real Stone is still in Scot-land, former Labour front-bencher, John McAllion, and

Since Jacob's pillow — as it is supposed to be — reached the now-ruined Scone Abbey. in 846 via Egypt, Spain and Ireland's sacred hill at Tara, mere paperwork is unlikely to prove anything conclusively. By comparison Mel Gibson's Oscar-winning blockbuster Braveheart - in which Edis a model of accuracy.

Mr Forsyth, who initiated yesterday's decision, repeat-edly stressed: "I do not regard this as a political gesture," which is why Mr Major had resisted the temptation to save yesterday's Commons statement for his appearance at the Scottish grand committee in Dumfries tomorrow. Instead he stressed the Stone's religious symbolism.

Mr Forsyth's claim is one which few will believe of such

tee session in Dumfries.
Many MPs see the decision as chiefly symbolic of the Tories'
15 per cent share in Scottish opinion polls.

Tony Blair and the former

Liberal leader, Sir David Steel, welcomed the decision as proof that Britain's "distinct and proud nations" can celebrate unity and diversity a hint at devolution battles

ahead.
"I hope you recognise it is the settled view of the majority of people in Scotland that they want not just the symbol, but the substance of the but the substance of the return of democratic control over our internal affairs in Scotland," said Sir David.
Angry Labour backbenchers and the SNP MP,
Margaret Ewing, were much
more blunt. Mrs Ewing com-

retained by the Abbey. A return of full sovereignty would not be delayed so long. she predicted.
With some Labour MPs dis-

missing the Stone as an irrel-evant symbol of "feudal medieval tyranny", Andrew Faulds even questioned Mr Major's claim that Scotland's crown jewels — to be dis-played with the Stone — are Europe's oldest. Hungary's are older, be claimed.

Mr Forsyth, who has spent the past year hammering Labour's "tartan tax", called of celebration of our United Kingdom and the Union of the Crowns". Ministers stress the Stone will be returned to Westminster for the corona-tion of the next monarch, assuming there is one, and that England and Scotland are still on speaking terms.

### Heavyweight royal relic with a rocky history

#### Erlend Clouston on a legend and a rival claim to authenticity

ARGYLL had better brace itself for a rush of pilgrims. Fortyeight hours after New Age traveller Andrew Connell delivered a high-profile prayer to The Great Spirit from the region's mystic hillock of Dunadd, the Prime Minister was impelled by supernatural forces to give up its most celebrated adornment.

There are two versions of the Stone of Destiny's origin. The boring one, de-veloped by nationalist novelist Compton Mackenzie, has the 336lb sandstone slab chiselled from rocks near Oban. Romantics pre-fer the notion that it was deposited on top of Dunadd, crowning place of the early Irish/Caledonian monarchs, by a muscular Egyp-tian princess called Scota.

According to this legend, the stone was part of the honeymoon luggage of Scota and her Greek lover, Gedyl-Glays, possibly impressed by the even earlier legend a pillow for the enjoyment

After a hazardous voyage via Sicily, Spain and Ire-land, the pair allegedly entered Scotland in tandem century invaders of An-trim's Dal Rista tribe. Now embellished with a blessing by St Patrick, the stone was used as the crowning stool Irish monarchs until 840AD when Kenneth mac Alpin transferred it 90 miles inland to new and safer royal headquarters at

In the future Perthshire, the stone's sura of spiritual antiquity was especially valued at Scottish corona-tions denied, on papal orders, access to holy oil. Its constitutional potency finally prompted Edward I, during the devolutions during the devolutionary unrest of 1296, to make a pro-union strike and remove it to London.

A subsequent 1328 promise to return the stone was never kept, a beirayal which prompted four Scot-tish nationalists to liberate the geological relic 622







Edward I (left) first snatched the stone, whose later theft, as reported in the Manchester Guardian in 1950, ended with its recovery at Arbroath Abbey in 1951 (right)

Here the trail forks order's 12th century again. The official theory has it that the stone was As Mr Nimmo underleft, after four months, to be retrieved by the agents of the state in Arbroath Abbey. Last night, how-ever, the Rev John Nimmo insisted that Mr Major is sending back a fake stone. According to Mr Nimmo, aged 76, chaplain to Scot-land's 200 Knights Tem-

plar, Scota and Gedyl-Glays' baggage now sits by

stands it, the real stone was switched by the sculptor employed by the kidnap-pers to repair earlier dam-age possibly caused by suf-fragettes.

An X-ray machine may have to be called in to settle

"Before it was made up, a piece of paper was inserted certifying that it was the

signed by the sculptor, his foreman and John MacCormick, the rector of Glasgow University." Mr MacCor-mick was also one of the founders of the Scottish National Party. Mr Nimmo does not rule

out the possibility of Scot-land ending up with two stones. "We may hand ours over too, but I'll have to consult the members of the

#### **Execution epidemic as** China tackles crime

The stone in place under the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey, to where it was

John Gittings

HINA is carrying out executions on a "mas-sive scale" in a frenzied campaign to stamp out a nationwide crime wave. At least 1,000 people have been sum-marily shot in the past two months, says Amnesty International

Most are tried in public and their sentences are applauded by cheering crowds. Many are eants who have not been given time for a proper

Prisoners are put on trial in city squares or stadiums with hands tied behind their backs. Some are in shackles with ropes around their necks. Most are driven off immedi

ately in an open truck and are paraded around the town be-fore being shot on an execution ground.
"The broad masses of

people clapped their hands with joy," said one official report, when 13 criminals were sentenced to death in Xianyang City, Shaanxi

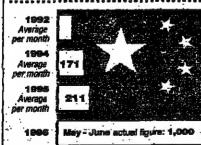
Public rallies across China on June 28 to sentence people accused of drug offences were aftended by 1.75 million people — nearly 1.5 per cent of the population. More than 230 of those convicted were executed on the same day.

Amnesty says this is "state killing on a massive scale". It calls on China to stop what has become a "hysterical"

Beijing launched the cam-paign to "strike hard" against criminals at the end of April. The Communist Party leadership was responding to widespread alarm that crime and lawlessness are thriving in tryside and reports the re-

**Executions in China** 

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habitusi thett, kidmapping, prostitution, hooliganism, seriously disrupting public order, arson, poisoning of itvastock, drug-trafficking, killing a tiger, corruption, rasailing value-added tax receipts, dealing in cultural relics, selling cultural relics, selling counterfeit money,

But Amnesty says many of

those executed are given no time to defend themselves. Some are victims of the calendar: a year ago they would only have been jailed. Last month three men were

executed in Heilongjiang province for "the serious case of stealing farm animals".

Peasant migrants seeking jobs in the cities are blamed — often unfairly — for creating the new crime wave. On Tuesday, five out of six men executed in Beijing came

from the provinces. In Guangdong province, which borders on Hong Kong. there are said to be 600,000 peasants seeking work who have "flooded in" and "lotter in the streets".

The Chinese media has issued calls to "deal a fatal blow" to criminals. It complains that "ruffians and evil forces" are roaming the counemergence of highway rob-bery, prostitution, secret soci-

sorcerers". than 1,000 executions in two months is believed to be well below the real number. China does not publish national statistics and figures must be gleaned from local press and

China is using special legislation passed in 1983 — when the last mass campaign was launched — which allows de-fendants to be tried without being told of the charge in advance. It also allows appeals to be dealt with immediately so that sentencing and execu-tion can take place in a couple

The number of executions has grown yearly in the 1990s. A smaller campaign last year invoked the death penalty for crimes including "killing a tiger", "reselling value added

Strike vote by pilots means BA faces loss of £40m a day

BRITISH Airways pilots byesterday voted over-whelmingly to strike over pay and in-flight conditions, raising the prospect of disruption at airports at the peak of the holiday season. Pilots and flight engineers

backed the call for the first flight crew walkout for 18 years by a margin of nine to one in a 94 per cent turnout. Just under 3,000 members of the British Airline Pilots Association took part in the strike ballot. The first stop page, which threatens to ground BA's fleet at a cost of 240 million a day, could take place within the process.

place within two weeks. The

company carries 90,000 people a day in 525 flights. Voting was 2,687 to 292. BA professed itself baffled as to why its pilots - whose average basic pay is £57,000 and the most senior of whom can earn £100,000 including allowances — should strike against a 3.6 per cent offer.

At the heart of Balpa's con-cerns is the gap between pay of pilots at Euro Gatwick and that of flight crew working for the main BA business. The average Gatwick captain earns £39,000-£52,000 and BA will only narrow the differential in exchange for productivity gains.

The Gatwick operation is being expanded and Balpa fears it will be used to undercut rates for the majority of pilots — particularly as BA is seeking to reduce entry rates for fully trained pilots from £32,489 to £27,000 (entry rate for cadets is £18,000).

EU muscles in on BA deal,

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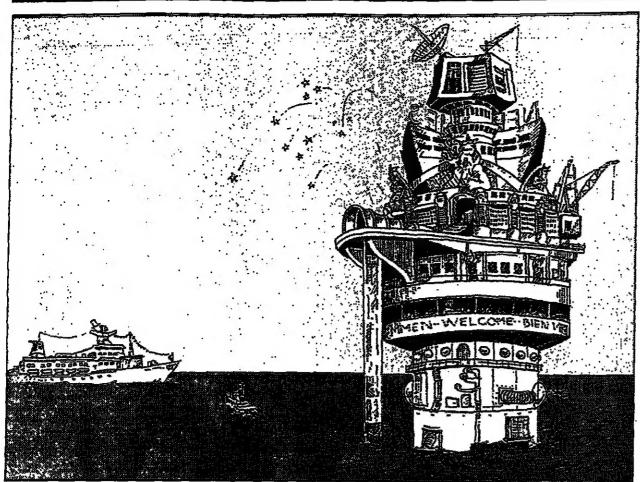


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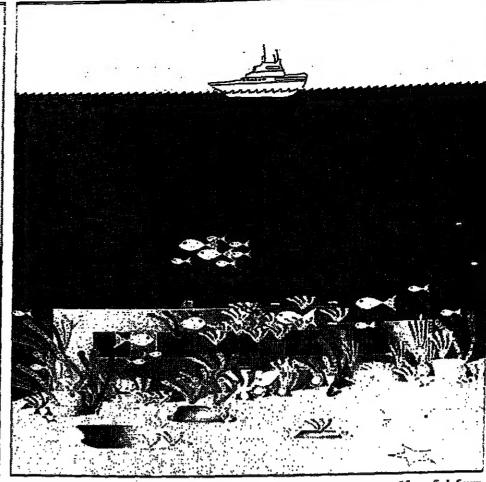
He is bitter over the way Manchester seems to have been sidelined by the Government — a feeling reinforced when he got a £24 parking fine after being told to move his car when Michael Heseltine visited the city last week.

Peter Hetherington, G2 cover story

### Oil firm courts public support as it suggests uses for North Sea platform ranging from offshore casino to fish farm







Brent Spar's future . . . Among the hundreds of suggestions for the re-use of the giant oil platform received by Shell are as an offshore casino out of reach of British taxes; as a wind or wave generator; and as an underwater reef for a fish farm

### Shell raises new doubts on fate of Brent Spar

Owen Bowcott

HE gigantic Brent Spar platform could be furned into an offshore casino. floating wind generator or submerged fish farm. Shell, the oil company, bas suggested. Amid international con-

sultation over the fate of the 300ft structure, the fresh claims about the dan-ger of the environmental lobby's favoured option onshore decommissioning.

Thin steel casing around the platform's underwater storage tankers could, according to an engineering survey ordered by Shell, implode and sink the

Since last summer. following the furore over plans to dispose of it at sea. Brent Spar has been sheltering in the deep water of monthly mooring fees of £35,000 are minuscule compared with the £11 millon spent on removing it from the North Sea and countering adverse publicity.

After the company suspended its plan to dump at sea. Shell admitted it had failed to explain what it was doing early enough. It believes sinking the rig at sea may yet prove the best

environmental option.
With the oil company's operations in Nigeria's Ogoniland also the subject of controversy following the execution of environmental activist Ken Saro-Wiwa, it has assiduously courted public support for "Many people haven't appreciated how huge Brent Spar actually is," said Shell's decommissioning manager, Eric Faulds, yes-terday. "It's like an ice-berg, with only a small part showing above the sea. People overlook its enor mous submerged draught

of 109 metres. It is longer than a football field and weighs the same as yesterday presented 2,000 double-deck buses. "It time of installation. Its metal plates are close to the

> than 450 letters and plans from around the world. One suggestion was for shore tax-free casino; another was for it to become a wind turbine.

Several companies came up with the idea of creating farms. One plan was for Brent Spar to be used as the foundation of a high arched bridge spanning the en trance to Poole harbour in Dorset. Another envisaged turning it into a floating hotel with the helicopter deck doubling as an open air dance floor.

A total of 21 engineering contractors are currently drawing up plans for disposal or re-use of Brent Spar. Their plans must be submitted by July 31.

Greenpeace, which remains opposed to deep water disposal, welcomed Shell's new approach but dismissed the company's warnings about the structure's fragility.

#### Father of child born to coma woman may sue hospital

AMAN is taking legal advice after claiming that doctors ignored his wishes that his critically ill girl-friend and their unborn baby should be allowed to die. Sarah Mapes, aged 22, was taken to hospital after collapsing at the home she shared with Steven Davies, aged 31, in Keyhaven, Hampshire, last

December. Sarah, who had a history of thrombosis, was treated at Southampton general hospital for a blood clot on the brain. She was kept on a lifesupport machine for four weeks until the baby, Jack, could be delivered by caesarean section on January 11, after 28 weeks gestation. He weighed 21b 2oz at birth. Miss Mapes never regained

consciousness and died four days later. Now Mr Davies, who has given up work to care for Jack, may sue the

Although they had lived together for 18 months, the decision to keep her and the baby alive fell to her parents. as legal guardians. He is unable to forget the ordeal his

him I just think of Sarah and what she was put through so he could be with us. I am not saying I ever want to give him up or feel any spite towards

"But I just know what his mum went through and that is something no one should have to experience. I wanted Sarah and the unborn haby to be allowed to die naturally, with dignity, and I feel my wishes were ignored. I asked doctors to switch off the ma-chine which was keeping them both alive. It is what Sarah would have wanted What I wanted was to let he

go.
"Any shred of humanity was just taken away from her. She was not treated as a person, she was treated as a human incubator."

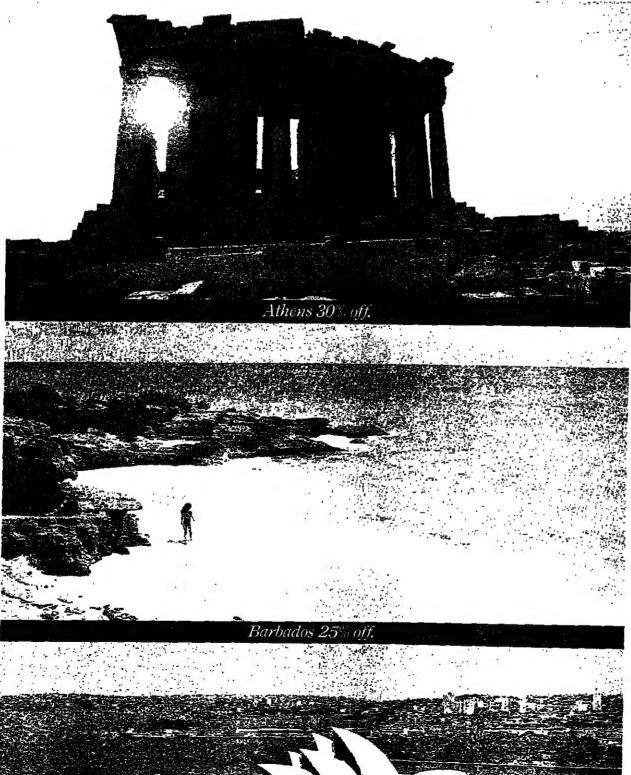
Sarah's mother, Mrs Jenni Sarah's mother, Mrs Jennifer Mapes, aged 42, said: "We got to the stage where we knew there was little hope for Sarah. We thought if we couldn't keep our daughter alive we must do everything possible for our grandchild."

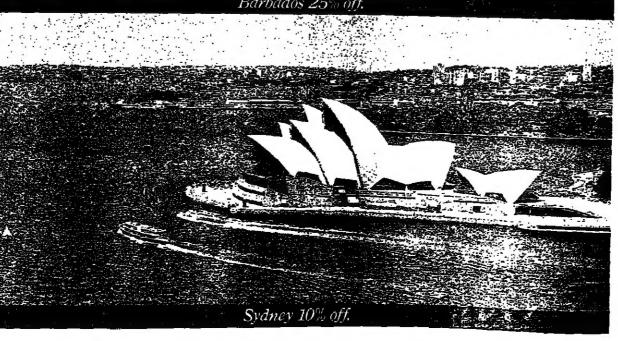


Eclair declares that if she were Prime Minister, there would be a tax on fat people, one shed for every man and a better residence for the country's leader than Number 10, Anita Chaudhuri

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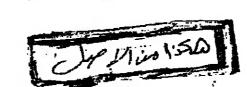
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Nelson's

eye

in a tank of formalde-hyde joining Nelson and George IV in overlooking Trafalgar Square became a distinct possibility yesterday when it was an-nounced that contempo-rary artists will be asked to build sculptures for London's most conspicuous empty plinth.

For 150 years the 24ft-high plinth in the north-west corner of the square has remained empty because no one could agree what to put on it.

what to put on it.

Now, a plan backed by the Queen and John Major has broken the stalemate: it will have a different statue a year for five years, one from Victorian times are a year for five years, one is fine but the general and the put of the society. Said: "I think Gazza is a wonderful footballer but I am not sure if he is right. A sporting hero a year for five years, one from Victorian times, another from the early 20th century, and three to be

On the north-east corner of the square a matching plinth has a statue of George IV on a horse. The surface area is a rectangle for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce mooted the idea of using the plinth two years ago, it received about 1,000 suggestions from the public. Many wanted a public. Many wanted a statue of some sort of hero, such as Paul Gascoigne, works include various



tors to be tapped, such as Michael Sandle and Rachel

The Canadian High Com-

mission facing the plinth has expressed an interest in

staging an exhibition in which people could learn the history of the square and vote for their preferred

sculpture.
Mrs Leith said that with

the help of the Department

of National Heritage and Westminster Council,

which will have the final

Whiteread.

Watch this space . . . The plinth at Trafalgar Square where statues will come and go over a five-year period

#### Alternative food for thought

horse-sized animals floating in formaldehyde, to design a sculpture was a possibility. "He has not been ruled out but neither has to be tapped, such as the best of the second such as the second such a AKE Chapman and his brother, Dinos, who are the sculpture world's enfants terrible, would like to see a hot dog stand which gave out free hot dogs after midnight on Trafalgar Square's empty

plinth, writes Hannah Pool.
"Or maybe a cybernetic sculpture of Stephen Hawking to answer all our questions, like an oracle," said "It would be very easy to make and we would be happy

But the brothers, whose ex-hibition of sexually morbid square".

of Contemporary Arts has of-fended as many as it pleased, are probably unlikely to be

Anthony Gormley, who de-signed the 175ft steel angel destined for Gateshead. He said: "The time of stat-ues is over and maybe the time of plinths is also over.

"It would be more of a challenge, and a better sign of con-fidence in our contemporary culture, to offer somebody the chance to re-do the entire

mannequins at the Institute

A more likely candidate is missionaries, gardeners' wel-fare and physical therapy. Among the eight recipients are the Gardeners' Royal Be-

Hand Therapists.

income on the subscriptions of its 250 members, an annual The monastic leaders of the Friends of Peru were unavailsecurity standards for all

their £1.2 million will help Worth Abbey's Lime mission. Other charities were more forthcoming. Colin Bunce, chief executive of the gar-deners' benevolent society, described its gift as "wonder-ful and extremely exciting". It would go towards rebuilding the society's mursing home for retired gardeners in Hen-

#### **BRITAIN 5**

### **Eight charities** share mystery donor's £9m

CHARITY with no staff and an annual income of £18,000 is one of eight causes receiving an anonymous donation of £1.2 million each in one of the biggest individual charitals of recent years. the biggest individual chari-table gifts of recent years.

Another beneficiary is a fund run by Benedictine monks at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, for missionary work

£9.7 million, have come from a source which solicitors

have described only as a private individual. It is believed, however, that the money has been paid by a Liechtenstein-based trust fund set up under the estate of a British woman who died in 1993.

The director of one charity said yesterday: "The cash ar-rived in American dollars drawn on a British bank in the Middle East from some-one in Liechtenstein. I think it's safe to assume this in-volves enormous offshore

The spread of the gifts sug-gests somebody with typical commitment to children's and cancer causes, and also un-usual interest in Peruvian

nevolent Society, the College of Occupational Therapists and the British Association of

The association was reluc-tant yesterday to discuss its windfall. It is both a charity and a professional organisa-tion of therapists who treat people with hand injuries. It has no staff and has relied for

able for comment on how

ty's normal annual income is £2 million, of which less than half is expected from

bequests.

John Thompson, chief executive of the occupational therapists' college, which has a usual income of just over £3 million, said he was still com-

ing to terms with the gift.

"The first thing that comes to mind is that this must be someone who has received excellent service from one of our members, or knows some-one else who has," he said. Bengie Walden, director of

the International Spinal Research Trust, another recipient, said £1.2 million would enable the charity to start and fully fund a further five research programmes on spinal injury or disorder.

The donation more than doubled the trust's annual in-come, he said. "Whoever this is obviously has, or had, col-ourful and catholic interests,

#### Whoever this is obviously has, or had, colourful and catholic interests'

should have benefited. Of course, we are delighted." Other, larger charities each receiving £1.2 million are the Great Ormond Street children's hospital fund, Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Royal National Institute for the Blind's Sunshine Fund for

children. Andrew Young, a partner of solicitors Alsop Wilkinson, who are acting for the donor, sought anonymity. "All I can say is that it is a non-resident English person," he said, add-ing that the beneficiaries were the donor's favourite charities.

Stephen Lee, director of the Institute of Charity Fund-raising Managers, said a total gift of almost £10 million from an individual in such circumstances was "very unusual" But he warned: "It raises all sorts of questions for smaller organisations, which could be knocked out of kilter by such

### Whitehall tips for Howard on covering failure

ArtAngel Trust, said the say, the first sculpture plan was reviving a tradi-could be in place next year.

THE Whitehall papers on prison security seen by the Guardian provide astonishing evidence of advice from a senior civil ser-vant to the Home Secretary on how to cover up to Parliament his failure to get the money needed to improve

The documents say that Home Office ministers were already concerned that the duly delayed. The report of which are indicated as requirthe inquiry into the Parkhurst breakout was published not wish to indicate that imlast October on the same day plementation of a significant dations need new money. Michael Howard sacked the prisons director general, Derek Lewis.

Margaret Thatcher, or Nelson Mandela.

guidelines are no living heroes because you never know what they will do."

of 14ft by 6ft, making it the

perfect size for an eques-irian plece.

"Ministers have, however, told Parliament that there will be a report detailing actions which have been taken, or which are planned, to implement most of the recommendations in the spring"," the draft submission to Mr Howard says. "There is,

security report was contingent on achieving adequate funding."
The senior civil servant

he been approached," the

It is boped that the pro-

ject, estimated to cost up to £3 million, will be funded

by the Arts Council's Lot-

tery Board. An application for a small amount for a

feasibility study has al-

ready been submitted. The study will identify the best

way of selecting existing works and commissioning

James Lingwood, of the

organisers said.

new ones.

gives two options to skate over this incovenient fact that they had not the money to im-

Pifty-four do not. The docu-ment says: "Ministers could state that the omitted recommendations were those which

were still undergoing study."
The second suggestion offered is not to publish a timeplement the security table outlining how Learmont measures. The first is that Mr Howard gives Parliament a timetable questions were asked "this which shows only those omission would have to be response to Parliament on the however, a presentational recommendations "on which justified", possibly by Learmont report might be un-problem with those items firm action has been taken or complexity of the issues.

Improvements in security would cost £2.5 billion

ASTAGGERING 22.5 billion his needed to pay for the security improvements recom-mended by the official in-John Learmont, into the

The report, published last October, concluded that the prison service had to "now get the basics right for it can ill afford another episode which erodes its very founda-tions". The Whitehall docuprison service has been sort-ing out which recommendacan be put on the backburner indefinately".

Among those which service chiefs regard as a priority

prisons and applying them.
This includes reviewing the
system of security categories
for prisoners to "remove dangerous anomalies". Low security jails with dormitories
thould have called not the should have cells put in, stronger perimeter fences built and closed circuit TV introduced. Entrances to maximum security prisons should also have closed circuit TV. Cost: £1,153 million capital; £382 million in running costs

☐ Introducing a permanent record of prisoner movements in the six maximum-security dispersal jails and review in-telligence information needs. Cost: £9 million capital; £10.9 million over four ye □ Improving training of prison officers. Cost £5 million capital; £255.8 million

over four years.

☐ Introducing more drug free wings and drug testing. Cost 245m over four years. ☐ A purpose built high rity prison costing 668.9 million to build and £41.7 million

#### Daitrey's nasty one in the eye

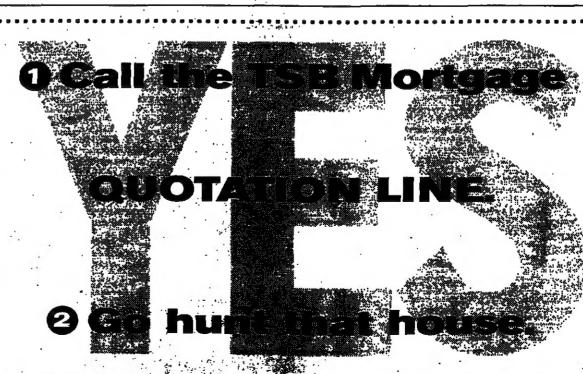
saurs. But one of the stars at the giant Hyde Park rock concert in London nearly be-

came the first Cyclops of rock.
Roger Daltrey, lead singer of The Who, suffered a serious injury centimetres from his eye when he was struck by a microphone stand wielded by Gary Glitter in rehearsals on Friday.

oncert sporting an eyepatch. But last night it emerged that Daltrey, aged 52, may have to undergo surgery on have to undergo surgery on his fractured eye socket.

but not his eye tissue." Music concert spokesman totally his fault. He does not blame Gary Glitter in any





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Republican candidate 'not certain' whether nicotine is addictive

### **Bob Dole under a cloud** after smoking blunder

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

HE Republican presi-dential candidate, gulfed in the politi-cally lethal fumes of the tobacco debate yesterday when he claimed that one of the most respected figures in American medicine was "brainwashed" into believing nicotine is addictive.

Mr Dole attacked C. Everett Koop, who was the surgeon-general under Ronald Reagan and is widely seen as the Republican Party's favourite

In an interview with NBC total scientific consensus that nicotine is addictive. "I'm not certain whether it's addic-tive," the candidate said. "It

Dr Koop. The doctor said the candidate's position on smoking exposed either "his abys-mal lack of knowledge of nicotine addiction or his blind support of the tobacco

industry".
Mr Dole retorted that Dr Koop had watched too much of the "liberal media" and he "probably got carried away". Asked if he thought the doctor had been brainwashed, Mr Dole said: "Probably a little bit."

It was a serious blunder for Mr Dole, whose presidential bid has shown only slight poll gains despite a month-long Clinton White House.

In Chicago the president leapt to Dr Koop's defence. "He's out there lighting for our children and that's what we need more people to do: fight for our children and not he said, sticking to his pres-ent strategy of framing every

Democrats have worked hard to place Mr Dole on the wrong side of the tobacco debate, constantly reminding voters of hefty party dona-tions from the cigarette companies. Republicans received \$4.5 million in tobacco money between 1993 and 1995, com-pared with \$800,000 for

written off the support of tobacco growers in southern states, aiming instead for the majority of American voters who tell polisters they want a candidate who's tough on

He has unveiled initiatives aimed at reducing children's access to tobacco, and reminded voters that last

Mr Dole, meanwhile, is hecoming identified with up smoking 50 years ago and having lost a brother, a life-long smoker, to emphysema. Protesters follow Mr Dole at every campaign stop, among them Buttman — a man dressed as a cigarette.

But the attack on Dr Koop holds other dangers for Mr

As a guest on NBC's morning show — appearing with his wife, Elizabeth, to promote a new edition of their joint autobiography — he was expected to show a kinder. gentler side to his personality. Instead his criticism revived memories of a snarling and accretionant men promote. ing and acerbic man, prone to outbursts of meanness. Republican aides had hoped that the 1996 campaign would

#### **Huge power cut leaves** Americans in the dark

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

ILLIONS of Americans in the western United States were plunged into chaos by a mys-tery collapse in the electricity supply on Tuesday. Hospitals from Seattle to San Diego faced crises and in more than a dozen states and two Cana-dian provinces there was mayhem on the roads.

In California, traffic lights went out, causing huge jams and forcing the state's notoriously irascible motorists to regulate themselves. In San Francisco, the subway system was badly disrupted, and in San Diego hundreds of tour-ists were stranded on rides at

Officials at the department of energy said the power cut was the biggest since the famwithout electricity for 36 parts of Arizona, Oregon, Colhours. Five million were affected by this week's cut, devada and Wyoming. prived of power for between two and four hours.

There were no reports of looting or crime during the shutdown, partly because the problem was solved before

Experts were at a loss to exlain the cause of the trouble. There was speculation that it might have been caused by a sudden overload in record heat — a surge in demand as customers switched on their air conditioning - and reports came in of a thunderstorm knocking down an elec-

tricity pylon. What is known is that one of three key power-lines link-ing the Pacific north-west and California went down, forcing the extra load on to the other

When they could not cope, reported recor the system apparently col-lapsed, bringing panic to fore it melted.

Missing atheists 'may have

been murdered by zealots'

Rumours have ranged from

and flight from the income

Mr Tyson points out that a

former Inland Revenue claim for \$1.5 million in unpaid

taxes was "cooked up by a couple of zealots" but reduced to \$37,000 accumulated over

The final account came be-fore the three vanished, and, he added, "there is money in

the bank to cover it". He is now living, for secu-

rity reasons and at the

request of the association's board, in the O'Hair home, a

missing of any importance or

volume — there are plenty of clothes still here," he said. This seems to dispel accusations that the O'Hairs were living luxuriously off group

Another theory involves a application probate case in San Diego Mr Tyson.

There seems to be nothing

tax authorities.

Three relatives 'flying to New York' have

made no contact for nine months, writes

creases the suspicion the bizarre—that Mrs O'Hair that when America's had conceived a child—to

leading atheist and her son accusations of embezzlement

**Christopher Reed** in Los Angeles

VERY day that passes in-

and granddaughter disap-

peared last September they

may have been murdered by a

Madalyn Murray O'Hair,

aged 77, founder of American Atheists Inc, provided the im-

petus for the 1963 supreme

court decision banning

prayer in US schools, and she

became known as "the most hated woman in America."

daughter Robin, aged 30, have not been heard from since

September 28 when they tele-

phoned to say they were fly-ing to New York. Their tick-

Skip Tyson, acting director

of the American Atheist.

based in in Austin, Texas

said murder was a possibility.

frame of mind".

the murder theory.

given the Christian zealots

But, he emphasised, thee was no evidence to support

She, her son Jon and grand-

deranged Christian zealot.

vada and Wyoming. "It's nothing we did," said an energy department spokes-man, pointing out that the National Grid is a network of private utility companies, not a government-run operation. The collapse is likely to prompt concern about the efficiency of the companies, several of which have bought recently privatised British

In offices throughout the region, bosses gave workers the day off, fearing complaints about dehydration and exhaustion due to the lack of air conditioning. Hospitals were forced on to emer-

gency generators. Police in Reno, Nevada, had so many traffic lights go dead they ran out of temporary stop signs. Ice-cream shops reported record trade — and a

in litigation since 1987.

last telephone call. None

estranged daughter of Bill.

Jon's brother, who turned against the family and be-

Mr Tyson has not informed the police because under

Texas law, he says, only a

pear if you are an adult."

ists. The association is thriv-

ing, with more membership applications than ever, said

came a Christian.

#### Brazil's X Files succumb to down-to-earth ghostbusters

Stan Lehman in Sao Paulo

DISEMBODIED voices speaking in unknown tongues. People vanishing into thin air. Telephones di alling themselves. It was enough to put people off work at the Sao Paulo city council building in Brazil. Councillor Paulo Roberto Faria Lima did not believe the ghost stories, but he changed his mind after a

Two months ago, he had stayed late with his wife to update his computer files. 'At 12.30am we wanted to leave but couldn't open the door. It was weird because it can only be locked from

"Then we started hearing heard furniture moving around. I phoned security and a guard came up and opened the door with no problem. He told me we ...

were the only ones in the 12-storey building." The lift operator, Aristi-

where a multi-millionaire atheist left a large sum to the association. The legacy was opposed and the case has been phone dialling by itself.
The city council is located in the Vale do Anhangabau – a Tupi-Guarani Indian name meaning "Valley of the Spirits". It is also The three have not commu-nicated with anyone since the

leaves a close relative how-ever. Jon, aged 41, who man-aged the association, is un-married and Robin, who edited the newsletter, is the advice to a spirit medium, who assured him that play

family member may report a missing person without strong evidence of a crime. The Austin police say: "It's not against the law to disaplogical Phenomena. On Monday two investi-gators, Fatima Regina Mapear if you are an adult."

Another theory is that Mrs
O'Hair died but wanted it
kept secret, "because," she
wrote, "I don't want any damn Christer praying over my body."
The absence of their leader and founder has not created a crisis of faith among the athe-

said. - AP.

voices speaking in an unidentifiable tongue and

never forget the day when "three people walked into the elevator and only two got out. One simply disap-peared". Antonia Oliveira Alves, a cleaning woman, described how she heard a

barely a block from the in-famous Joelma office build-ing, where a fire in 1974 killed 189 people. Mr Faria Lima turned for

ful ghosts were at work. Evangelicals claimed it was the devil's doing. Then he called the "ghost-

busters" - the private Institute for Interdisciplinary Research into Parapsycho-

chado and Wellington Zangari, toured the building and gave five possible ex-planations, ranging from pranksters and temperature changes through illness in those seeing ghosts to electromagnetic energy and psychokinesis — the movement of objects by mental energy. "It is definitely not the

work of ghosts or any other supernatural being," she

## Fans pay homage to Doors' singer

UNDREDS of Doors were not born when he died ing alcohol. Five years ago, himself in the cult poetry of fans gathered at the from heart failure in Paris 400 fans who had been Arthur Rimbaud and recu-Père Lachaise ceme- in 1971 - left flowers and tery yesterday to mark the poems at Morrison's grave. 25th anniversary of the death of the band's singer, force, searching all who Jim Morrison, writes Alex entered the cemeter;—the Duval Smith in Paris.

Police turned out in Fans from all over the France's most famous liter-world — most of whom ary figures — and confiscat-

refused access to the grave set fire to cars and stormed the cemetery's gates.

Morrison, famous for classics like Light My Fire or When The Music's Over, was 27 when he died after coming to Paris to immerse

perate from a drug-induced

In what has become a pilgrimage week, fans are also flocking to two concerts in Paris by Patti Smith, a 1970s rock legend and Rim-

#### Councillor fined for wooing | Swiss army compromise soothes voters with false promises

Alex Dural Smith in Paris

ACOURT in Nancy, eastern France, found a regional councillor guilty yesterday of not living up to his electoral

Bernard Martin was fined 20,000 francs (£2,500) for promising that he could create 310 jobs in an area of Lor-raine which has 20 per cent unemployment.

Before the regional elec-tions in 1992 Mr Martin distributed a flyer in the canton of Badonviller announcing that a Belgian company, Sun Parks, was to build a leisure park which would create 310 jobs and attract "tens of thousands of tourists all year

Mr Martin, a rightwing presidential campaign to pay candidate, won the seat, prompting his Socialist rival, Jacques Boulanger, to start a works," he said. Mr Martin, a rightwing

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four-year legal battle using a little known clause banning candidates from "usurping votes with false promises". The offence carries a maximum of one year's imprisonment and a fine of up to 200,000 francs.

Mr Boulanger told the court that when Mr Martin distrib-uted the flyer he was well aware that Sun Parks had withdrawn its leisure park project. "On March 9," said Mr Boulanger, "Sun Parks wrote to the regional council saying it would be unable to proceed with the project."

Mr Martin denied being aware of the letter, adding

that politicians had always got away with false promises.
"François Mitterrand promised during the 1981

### ruffled feathers of pigeon fanciers

Foreign Staff

WHEN the Swiss army decided to end its carrier pigeon service it could hardly have foreseen the flap that would result.

In the age of telecom-munications, the plan an-nounced last year to save over £300,000 by pensioning off the pigeon corps might have seemed uncontroversial. But pigeon fan-ciers managed to gather the 100,000 signatures neces-

sary to force a referendum.

They wanted to enshrine
the carrier pigeon service permanently in the consti-tution. The organisers argued that pigeons, which can fly at more than 35mph, could travel over Switzerland's mountainous terrain much faster than

Pigeon breeders were par-ticularly angered by the de-fence ministry's decision, because it takes time to train birds for night flying

and Alpine manoeuvres. Faced with this mobilisation of pigeon power, the government was forced to propose a compromise.

Now a newly-created foundation for the pigeons will have the use of a military post near the capital, Bern. Pigeon fanciers will be able to use the facility for scientific research on the birds.

In addition to the 7,000 army-owned birds, there are another 23,000 privately-owned pigeons on standby in case of national emergency.
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550.000-strong reserve force - has not fought a war in four centuries.

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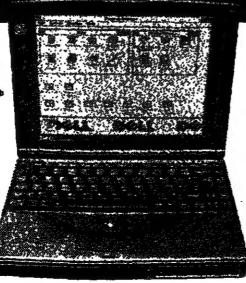
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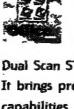
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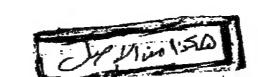
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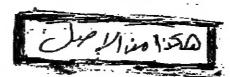




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RUSSIAN ELECTION: Soap opera viewers are urged to turn out as the ballot competes with a day off at the dacha

# Yeltsin rounds up the stray voters

James Meek in Moscow

HE SOULFUL harmonies of two vio-lins floated down the marble corridor leading to Pave-letsky Station as Natasha and Lyudmilla played a sad popular waitz by the Moldovan composer Doga. Passers by rained 1,000-rouble notes into

the collection tin. Would they cast their ballots as willingly, and have one last dance for Russian democracy? Or would they hop on the suburban train and devote the extra day off to the potatoes and strawberries in their vegetable patch?

The two young buskers, both aged 20, had already voted — one for Boris Yeltsin,

I'm not going to vote for any | the nearest place to vote. "I'm | series of advertisements, of them any more," Natasha | doing it voluntarily," he | "Today in Russia, there are

But it was the mass of pas sengers whose vote the Yelt-sin camp was worried about. Gennady Zyuganov's voters would turn out, come hell or high water, they reckoned, but the president's fickle sup-porters might just decide to porters might just decide to spend the day in the country. Precautions had been taken to round up strays. "Passen-gers wishing to vote with an absentee certificate are in-vited to board the electoral

gers wishing to vote with an absentee certificate are invited to board the electoral commission bus, which will deliver you to the nearest polling station FREE!" posters proclaimed at platform exits.

Lev Asheulov, aged 58, an electrician in a chicken fac-

ed, "not campaigning."

Others Will Decide For You." They said they were on in-structions from Alexander Goncharov, president of the Moscow Martial Arts Federa-tion and a Yeltsin supporter. "It's the first time we've

Lev Asheulov, aged 58, an the voters to turn out. After electrician in a chicken factory and a Yeltsin activist the morning with three epitors activities and a strolling up and down the sodes of a fanatically watched acceptant soap opera, televities.

39 million children. They do At Klevsky station, a group of confused-looking martial arts experts handed out leaflets: "Vote Yourself. Or ment do you need to go and

> The most bizarre tried to give a sense of the vote's historical importance by show-ing a future Russia in which everything was named after polling day. Sailors marched past a cruiser called 3 July; a truck roared through 3 July village; youngsters walked down 3 July Street. Unfortunately for a pro-Yeltsin advert, it also featured 3 July Collective Farm.

Back at Paveletsky Station most of those leaving had already voted. Valentina, aged 57, a feature film copier, said the morning with three episodes of a fanatically watched she had voted for Mr Yeltsin ganov. Ninety-five per cent of Brazilian soap opera, televiand was now off to attend to the TV and radio propaganda sion viewers were hit with a her fruit and vegetables.

"Any change of power in- | and for Yeltsin." variably involves bloodshed, and I have a 20-year-old son," she said. "I don't want that." The trains into Moscow

were not bringing such good tidings for the president. Fyodr, aged 69, had travelled six hours with his wife from their dacha to vote for Mr Zyuganov. Fyodr's hands were grained black with soil. A former Communist Party member and arms industry official, Fyodr said Mr Yeltsin was more of an old-style Communist than his opponent. "If Mikhail Gorbachev had made Boris Yeltsin general-secre-

tary of the party, Yeltsin would be a true Communist to this day," he said.
"We haven't had democratic elections like you do.

Another pensioner, who

Another pensioner, who did not give her name, said she had come 100 miles to vote for Mr Zyuganov. "Russia has fallen apart, the defence industry and our culture has collapsed, everything is chartened into piaces and is shattered into pieces, and Yeltsin is already unhealthy he's had a heart attack, she said. "We want something new, something more demo-cratic, which would give us a

new life."
No one else mentioned Mr Yeltsin's health problems, which have been virtually blacked out of the Russian media.

Asked about the latest health scare. Nina Komarova, aged 46, a train conductor, shrugged and said: "What can you do? His programme suits me more than Zyuganov's ... I want to go forward, not hack "

Edinburgh electorate adds its weight against Communists

F THINGS go wrong back home. Boris Yeltsin can always seek refuge in Scotland, writes Erlend Clous- midnight. ton in Edinburgh. At mid-day yesterday, the consul-general in Edinburgh, Gennady Lazutkin, was

area, bottles of Irn-Bru and Diet Coke were laid out alongside slabs of treacle

midnight.
The leaning of Scotland's former Soviet citizens towards Mr Yeltsin is predictable. Scotland has alpredicting a comfortable
Russo-Scottish majority for
the president.
In a first-floor reception
In a first-floor reception

victory.

The clowns, jugglers and acrobats of the Moscow toffee to reward the high proportion of 150 exiled electors expected to show up at visa office polling booths.

State Circus yesterday put aside their custard pies and tightropes to vote. Thirty-one cast their ballots in a special urn delivered by the "Last time, 70 per cent supported Yeltsin; I expect the same tonight." said Mr of London.

### Time to face up to money crisis

While inflation may | target set by the International | Monetary Fund. be down, so too is production and pay is still owing, writes David Hearst

T BEST, the presiden-tial elections have put back for another year the prize of economic stabilisation which successive waves of free-market gurus have dangled before a weary and disillusioned people.

At worst, Russia is heading for a crash of the rouble, similar to the one that occured on Black Tuesday in October 1994, and a total budget crisis, with the state unable to pay

its wages or collect its taxes.
The reasons for the crisis in state finances could be passed off as temporary. According to the finance minister, Vladi-mir Panskov, the government has collected only 60 per cent of the tax revenue it calcu-lated was due in the first six months of this year. When the political uncertainty ends, everyone will be forced to pay

Foreign investment all but dried up during the election campaign as managers awaited the the outcome before taking further decisions. State investment in industry almost stopped. The state has paid out only 3 per cent of

the budgeted figure so far this The overall picture is not

encouraging.
Inflation was brought down
to an all-time low of 1.6 per cent a month in May from 18 per cent a month in January 1995. June's figure is exBut industrial production is also at an all-time low, and falling. The state's debt on un-paid wages has grown to more

than £3 billion. Boris Yeltsin said in the speech in which he declared he would run again for the presidency that the entire backlog of unpaid wages would be settled in March. It was not, and it cannot be

in August or September, without triggering a collapse. In a leaked report to the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyr-din, Russia's unusually frank economics minister, Yevgeny Yasin, wrote: "To pay all wages arrears to government workers and back pensions is absolutely unrealistic." Mr Yasin warned that Rus-

sink from a pre-election high of more than £10 billion to £2 billion and concluded: "Attempts to raise revenue to cover the budget deficit could ernment bond, credit and cur-rency markets, with conse-quences akin to those of Black Tuesday."

Mr Yeltsin had someone to

blame for the rouble crash in 1994 - the newly privatised banks which, he claimed, were trying to mount an "economic coup". This time there is no scapegoat.

The government formed after this election knows it has to pay its wages bill before another winter sets in. This is one reason why the rhetoric in the economic debate has become so national-istic. Even the liberal Mr Yasin says Russia has to tax foreign cars and the millions of shuttle traders going back and forth over its internapected to be in line with the tional borders.



Pivotal poll. . . A policeman rests in St Petersburg during the second round of voting

#### Fog shrouds power swap

Despite Yeltsin's uncertain health, no law specifies how a handover occurs, writes David Hearst

ORIS Yeltsin has signed thousands of decrees in the five years of his presidency, but the transfer not a subject he has been keen

to address. Although Mr Yeltsin suffered two minor heart attacks last year, no law specifies how and when his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. will take charge, as acting president, if Mr Yeltsin is declared too ill to carry on. Nor does any law specify how a new president takes over

new president takes over from an old one.

An open and transparent transfer of power has never happened in Russia, which has a long tradition of deciding these things by revolution or in a back room of the Kremlin. When Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over as head of state from the South Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the Mr Yeltsin took over the South Mr Yeltsin the M from the Soviet president, around the procedures for de Mikhail Gorbachev, it was because the Soviet Union had the constitution's words. collapsed, leaving a job that no longer had any meaning.

eagerness to fill the legal vac-uum. His presidency, in which all executive powers have been concentrated in his hands, has left few instituions capable of administering a handover impartially.

A political consensus is

emerging to create the office of vice-president, a position ahandoned after the last vicepresident, Alexander Rutskoi, led a parliamentary revolt in ever happens.

new security adviser, General Alexander Lebed, is keen to fill it, but to recreate the post would require long and diffi-cult constitutional change.

Mr Yeltsin has refused to sign a cross-party parliamen-tary bill on the transfer of his powers, even though it con-tains 19 of his own amend-ments. The bill tries to fill a gap of 30 days between the result of the election being of-ficially declared and a new president taking office.

It states that the outgoing president has no right to declare a state of emergency without the consent of the in-coming president. The presi-dent-elect should also have the right to participate in the Russian security council and thus be consulted on all mat-

ters of military command.

Mr Yeltsin wants four more amendments, "all insignifi-

claring an ailing president, in "persistently incapable of ful-filling his functions". Who on his health? To whom do they report? How long do they have to make up their mind?

Mr Yeltsin may be ill. but he shows no signs of giving in. Communists back into power. Gen Lebed has said he will respect the results of the poll, but he stands to gain, what-

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News in brief

### for hostages

Amnesty International and the families of Western hos-tages in Kashmir pressed for their release yesterday, the eve of the first anniversary of their capture. But the Indian authorities said they did not authorities said they did not know whether the four cap-

tive tourists were alive.
Donald Hutchings, an American, Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, both British, and Dirk Hasert, a German, were kidnapped by Al-Faran sepa-ratist guerrillas. — Reuter.

Killer freed

George Franklin, aged 57, jailed for killing his daugher's schoolfriend, was released yesterday after prosecutors decided not to ask for a retrial, writes Christopher Reed in Los Angeles. He was convicted on his daughter's evidence that, 20 years after the event she recalled the killing the first murder conviction based on repressed memory evidence. An appeal

court overturned the verdict. Holocaust pledge Hungary is to establish a foundation to administer confiscated Jewish property for the benefit of Holocaust survivors, an agreement Jewish groups hailed as a model res-

titution scheme. — Reuter.

#### Families plead | Massacre denied

Burundi 's defence minister denied Hutu rebel accusa-tions that Burundian and Rwandan soldiers massacred 1.000 Hutu civilians in Cibi-

toke province. - Reuter. Opposition barred The Indonesian government will not let the political faction

headed by Megawati Sukarno-putri contest next year's par-liamentary elections, Antara news agency said. -- Reuter. China's flood toll

Torrential rains and raging floods in southern China have killed more than 100 people, destroyed tens of thousands of

homes. - Reuter. Militia arrests

Grenades, gas masks, body arremoved by the truckload from the homes of members of a private militia, the authori-ties in Phoenix, Arizona, said. Gary Bauer, aged 50, and 11 other members of the Viper Militia were charged with plotting to blow up govern-ment buildings, — AP.

'Mad cow' protest Livestock breeders herded cows on to barges on Venice's Grand Canal yesterday to press demands for aid after slumping sales blamed on the

mad cow crisis. - AP.

I am yet again applying pesticide to my children's heads in a fruitless effort to de-louse them from the mutant headlice that have taken over Hackney. Suzanne Moore

#### Margaux Hemingway's death 'natural'

An autopsy performed on the body of the actress model Margauz Hemingway, granddaughter of Ernest Hemingway, showed that she apparently died of natural causes, officials in Los Ange-

But it will be at least two discovered in her apartment weeks before investigators near Santa Monica Beach. receive the results of key lab-

A coroner's official said oratory tests to determine whether Hemingway took a stated drug overdose.

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#### **Deceit and duplicity**

Howard's cover up is worse than the shortfall

decision has been reached. The Home of Learmont's 127 recommendations to Secretary has failed to obtain the money needed to implement Learmont, money and could be embraced. If ever the report which called for tighter security across the entire prison system following escapes by violent offenders from two high security prisons. More embarrassing still for our hardline Home Secretary, is the extent of the shortfall. Ministers have aiready accepted the broad thrust of Learmont. Given their hardline approach, they had little choice after the political fuss generated by the escapes. Learmont costed his proposals at perhaps £300 million, but prison officials have calculated the bill at an astounding £2.5 billion. Mr Howard has not even begun to meet this challenge. Indeed, as we documented through leaked documents in April, he has been asked to make a 13 per cent reduction to prison running costs over the next three years and a 60 per cent cut in capital spending. Now new documents leaked to our Home Affairs Editor expose a second scandal: the extent to which officials are still ready deliberately to mislead Parliament on the extent of the shortfall.

Mr Howard promised to report to Parliament by Spring of this year on progress towards achieving Learmont's plan. Unsurprisingly, there has been no report from the Home Secretary, only agonising by his officials on the "presentational problems". It is as though the Scott Report on the need for ministerial openness to Parliament had never been published. All the rotten old rity. Mr Howard seems incapable of urges of senior advisers exposed by Scott — to deceive, dissemble, and distort to save face - which were meant to | from his office by the time his hazarddrive of officials remains protecting finally explode. But chances are their minister from political embar- will be another serious and their manner of the control of the chances are the chance have been cleansed from Whitehall rassment. All manner of cover ups are the next election. What will the hardreviewed in the documents from failing | liner say then?

DEEP inside the Home Office a shifty | to publish an implementation timetable further evidence of the need for a Freedom of Information Act was needed, the deceit and duplicity exposed by this leak provide it. If Parliament has any self-respect left, it should call Mr How-ard and his officials before the Home Affairs select committee and take them to task. The official code of behaviour for senior ministers published by John Major is unequivocal: there should be

no misrepresentation to Parliment. Ironically, the shortfall itself is far less serious than the cover up. We were not impressed with the report from General Sir John Learmont, who followed the faults in the prison system right up to the Director General but timidly refused to take the final logical step and nail Michael Howard. His report documented the Home Secretary's centinged interference with secretary. tary's continual interference with operational issues in the prison system but failed to draw the obvious conclusion. Moreover, it was seriously at fault in trying to place security above the other existing co-equal goals of care and control. To their credit, officials thought so too as the leaked documents reveal. All three are needed if prisons are to achieve stability. As the Woolf Report into the 1990 prison riots documented, care and control are an essential part of the system's security. The stability recognising this. He has cut all three. Michael Howard may well have escaped

#### The hidden price of a pay rise

It's the Government's fault that MPs salaries are out of kilter

NOTHING better illustrates the bizarre | bly be approved, albeit on a free vote in political times in which we live than most parties. Next year, just before they the way that the Government is hand- are due to come into force, there will be ling the questions of ministers' and a general election. The fact that these MPs' pay. The worldly-wise view of rises may have been carried in an most politicians is that MPs' pay is a unwhipped Westminster vote will not total public relations disaster area. then be remembered. Only the resent-However much parliamentarians would | ment about the over-the-odds rises will like an increase and however good the matter, and only the Government will case may be, they believe that the suffer for it. public will always oppose and resent it. forgotten about the hike by the time that they next go to the polls. By the same yardstick, the worst time to vote such an increase is just before an election, when the indignation will be fresh in the public mind.

the Government is following, not least as a bribe to disillusioned and fatalistic Conservative MPs to stay on and improve their pension rights. In order to MPs will get nearly a 30 per cent rise, ministers will get substantially bigger rises, culminating in the Prime Minisvoted on by Parliament, and will proba- creation.

When things are going badly for a According to this theory, the only time | Government, they often get worse. They that a major pay increase is politically get blamed for things which are not possible comes at the very start of a directly their responsibility. Yet there Parliament, just after a general elec- is a certain justice in the Conservation. That way, the electorate will have tives' carrying the can for the new increases. It was their conscious decision to hold political salaries down in the 1980s — out of hatred for public money - which created the increasing and unjustifiable anomalies in the political salary scale. By refusing to put Yet that is precisely the policy which political salaries up, the Conservatives of Government is following, not least created the conditions in which politicians were led into temptation. Amid a burgeoning culture of private greed and increased expectations many MPs were secure that aim, the Government will tempted into more remunerative outtoday publish the much-leaked report of side interests and ministers were enthe Senior Salaries Review Board and couraged to prepare their post-retirethen give its own view. According to ment parachutes into places around the another authoritative leak last night, boardroom tables. Today's embarrassments would not have occurred if the taking them to £43,000 a year, while | Conservative Party had not taken such a narrow-minded ideological view a rises, culminating in the Prime Minis- decade ago. They cannot expect much ter's nearly 60 per cent increase to sympathy as they struggle to deal with £143,000. Next week, the rises will be a problem which is largely of their own

#### **Grand gesture on stoney ground**

John Major is simply trying to save his party's skin in Scotland

SO, WELCOME back, John Major, man | a stone - even this Stone - to save the of surprises. A year after he shocked the world by offering himself to the The announcement yesterday in Conservative electorate, the Prime Minister yesterday pulled another summer-time trick by offering the Stone of Destiny to Scotland. What was that about history repeating itself as farce?

Last year's shock announcement ended in electoral triumph, and that is clearly the intention this time too. Mr Major is nothing if not political. He hopes that by making this resonant gesture towards Scottish sensibility he will resurrect his party's tattered Caledonian credentials, trump the Labour Party's devolution pledge, make the Scottish Nationalist Party look silly and, more immediately, ease his own difficult debut appearance in front of the Scottish Grand Committee in Dumfries tomorrow. Put like that, the scheme looks longer on hope than real-opened a larger can of historical worms ism. It will take more than the return of than he yet realises.

The announcement yesterday marks a U-turn of historic proportions on the manner, the Conservative Party was converted to gesture politics. For decades, the Left has had to put up with derision from the Conservatives on account of its supposed devotion to political gestures. In one mighty bound, the

Conservatives have joined the club. In particular, this decision to return the stone to Scotland reopens the whole question of the return of other nations' art treasures and historic artefacts. If it is right for the Stone of Destiny to go home to Scotland, on what basis is it not right for the Elgin Marbles to go home to Greece? Mr Major may have

GGFD system (General Government Financial Deficit) instead of the PSBR this error would not be made. To put it another way, the Governmen another way, the Government has spent years telling us that we would be better off as bouse owners, and is now asking us to believe that the MoD will be better off if it becomes a tenant

Letters to the Editor may be



#### Letters to the Editor

#### Flagging loyalties

AM TIRED of reading letters in the Guardian inviting Tony Blair's socialist critics to shut up purely on the basis of his lead in the opinion polls. They display not only a revealing attitude to dissent. but an extraordinary refusal to explain what Blair actually intends to do it elected.

No party or leader has any automatic right to loyalty from anyone. They have to earn their allegiance, and if, after 17 years of Tory policies, all we can expect is the same policies under a Labour flag, then Blair deserves no loyalty whatsoever.

Ed Horton. 34 Birchfield Close, Oxford, OX4 5DL.

MICHAEL Heseltine
Vispeaks with authority in
warning the nation of the
dangers of the new Labour
policies, as most of them are
Conservative policies. Richard Towers. 57 Booths Hill Road, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 ODN.

#### quickly, one presumes. Tom Freeman. 23 Hope Street, Cambridge, CB1 3NA

Star treatment

DWARD Pilkington's experience as a casualty in a five-star rated hospital (Tenhour treatment wait added in-sult to injury, July 3) demon-strates how league tables distort both picture and per-formance. The key to a high rating for a casualty department is prompt initial assess ment by a nurse, subsequent treatment can take as long as

his took, or even longer.

As a member of a community health council I recently took part in a monitoring ex-ercise in local hospital casualty departments. I was struck by the waste involved in dedicating a nurse full-time to "triage" duties and estimated that she was employed for only about a third of the time. In her unoccupied moments she could not be diverted to other duties, because she had to be near reception to meet and greet within minutes, otherwise stars would be lost.

One triage nurse spent her time reading a nursing jour-nal. I asked her if she was catching up on professional reading — no, she answered she was scouring the job ad verts because her short-term contract was due to run out in a few weeks. David Marcer,

Maisemore, Gloucester, GL2 8HG.

#### Sold short

UGO Young's endorse-ment of Michael Portillo's project to sell off the MoD's married quarters is misplaced (Commentary, July 2). The apparent financial benefits are entirely an artefact of the UK's idiosyncratic system

of public accounting.
In countries which use the

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### Testing time for a treaty | A constant diet of Boris

with the hopefully temporary failure of the negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. As you point out, a key stumbling block here has been the refusal of the five declared nuclear powers (including the UK) even to consider a distant target date for obliteration of weapons which if they were even to be which, if they were ever to be

used in earnest or even in misunderstanding, could de-stroy our civilisation. What an appalling reflec-tion it is on our degree of political maturity that our po-litical leaders are united in avoiding serious public de-bate on the issue. You report Tony Blair as saying that, if he became Prime Minister, he would envisage conditions in which the nuclear deterrent could be used, but that it would not be "sensible for a Prime Minister to spell out

those circumstances". These are words with, JOHN Major assures us that what they ignore is that none of his apologists, nor indeed and run." Out of steam very any from the government or any from the government or military sides, is able seri-ously to spell out circumstances in which a UK government might wish to use its | London WC1B 3BJ

appear to be capitalising on the proprietor's nationwide renown in making their com-

plaints about his restaurant

(Pong lands gourmet in the soup, July 2). As a resident of Oxford myself, I find it very

surprising that anyone who has chosen to live in Jericho

could hold Raymond Blanc alone responsible for "noise and smells" in their neigh-

bourhood. Before M Blanc

opened his doors, Walton Street already had numerous

noise and traffic congestion in the area. The continued existence of a vibrant cultural

life in Oxford is dependent on exciting and individualistic

attractions such as Le Petit Blanc, and the opening hours

ONGRATULATIONS 1000-Hiroshima-power nu-on your leader com-ment (June 29) dealing sible benefit of national

What could be possible sce-narios? A Zhirimovski stages a coup during post-Yeltsin Russian chaos and starts to move tanks into Kiey: when he calls our bluff, do we nuke his submarine bases at Mur-mansk and Vladivostok? A Saddam stifles Israel with poison gas: do we take out Baghdad? An increasingly sophisticated IRA uses a contraband plutonium weapon to finally obliterate Osnabruck: what then?

potential, have less unthink-able circumstances in mind they surely have a duty to find ways to share them with those of us who are paying £200 per annum per family, for the indefinite future, for the undoubted risk but dubious benefit of retaining our

Otherwise, they should have the imagination at least to set a timetabled goal for better off without it.

Honorary Secretary, British Pugwash Group 63a Great Russell Street.

ants clearly have no apprecia-tion of this and should move

as soon as possible to a qui-eter and duller location in the

THE noise most likely to disturb people living close to Le Petit Blanc is the sound

of disgruntled diners, waiting

15 minutes for wine and twice

were informed that, having run out, someone had popped

down the road to buy some at

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Oxford, OX1 4TY.

e Petit Blanc

A hunger for the suburbs

THE residential neighbours | it has selected. The complain-of Oxford's Le Petit Blanc | ants clearly have no apprecia-

suburbs.

DOY Hattersley (Endpiece. July 1) finally comes down on the right side: against the British Government's possession of the Bomb. Whilst we possess a nuclear weapon it is only sensible to say we might use it,"

A recent development ha suddenly made this move all the more urgent. India has said it will not attend the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty until the five nuclear powers have set a date for getting rid of all nuclear weapons. This will probably encourage Pakistan, iran and several other powers to act similarly. Yet the test ban agreement

he writes.

was — and is — the easiest first step for the world to take. If it is not achieved this opportunity will be closed, possibly forever. This gives the UK a tremendous and unique chance to stimulate the peace drive. If our government, will dealers it will steep ment will declare it will stop all its nuclear tests forthwith and remove the atom bombs planes there will be a sudden burst of sunshine over the CTBT talks this summer. Frank Allann.

Ron Huzzard. 11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester M25 0BQ.

Brought to book

FURTHER to your report of last Monday's Public Ac-

counts Committee hearing. (New delay for British Library.

June 25) I can assure your readers that there is no "new delay" to the opening of the British Library's new building

at St Pancras. The current

at St Fanctas. The current schedule was set in 1994, when the Department of National Heritage notified the Library of a firm date for completion of construction work. Since then,

the order of events has been

JONATHAN Steele is right about the sheer bias of the Russian media coverage in favour of Boris Yeltsin in the Russian presidential election (Television tsar. Media Guardian, July 1). On Russian television there are advertisements for Boris Yeltsin vertisements for Boris Yeltsin every 20 minutes or so from dawn until dusk. His opponent Zyuganov is afforded

virtually no coverage at all.

Of course, Yeltsin is the
man who in recent years aboltives of the Duma (the equiva-lent of our MPs) when he did not like the way they were voting. He then sent in the army when they protested. He also postponed one presidential election, despite his

promises to the contrary when his popularity was low. The West seems to support Yeltsin without reservation.
Why is this so?
Tom Mackinnon.

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West was its withdrawal of support for Gorbachev. He was trying to bring about a democratic socialist system but the West, especially the US, whilst nominally supportos, whilst nominally supporting democracy, persisted in linking it to capitalism and the so-called "Free Market economy" and, in fact, supported capitalism at any price. We are now beginning to see what a price that is go-

ing to be. The Russian people, in what might be their last taste of democracy for a long time, are faced with choosing between a return to Soviet communism and an ailing, opportunistic autocrat with an even more malevolent power-seeker climbing on his back. Leonard Worsley. 105 Woodwarde Road,

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#### Final whistle

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slightly adjusted, but Novem-ber 1997 will see the opening of the first reading room (for gen-THE only problem with your otherwise excellent suggestion that the British listes should host the 2006 World Cup is that, under curvature of the curvature of t eral humanities) while the end of the process (not mentioned in the National Audit Office report) will be marked by the opening of the science reading rooms in May 1999. The British rent rules, all five national teams would have to be given Library is currently preparing the move into the largest and most complex public building to be opened in Britain this a bye into the finals. Or are you suggesting that we should field a united British Isles team too? Rugby Union manages it, of course, but it might take soccer rather more than 10 years to sort that one out. Richard Davison. 35 Goihic Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW2 5EH.

#### Saying farewell with music

other retail premises, each of local economy. After an inex-which contributes to the orable wait for butter, we

the Co-op.

Ben Cairns. 61 Hertford Street,

Garticle about her father's Carticle about her father's funeral (Diary of a humanist, Society Guardian, July 3) reminded me of the predicament I was in when my dad died in 1973. He too had been an avowed atheist, and had always said that he did not want a funeral at all. His older sister was horrified when I said we weren't going to have a funeral and so we felt we had to have one, I asked for all crosses to be removed from the crematoremoved from the cremato-rium and for nothing to be said or done, and the under-takers arranged for simple organ music to be played as my father's coffin was carried into the crematorium chapel. We all stood quietly as the curtains closed and the organ

music played. accident. He too was com-pletely anti-religious and we London NI 4HS.

LL Brown's moving | decided to choose music that decided to choose music that was suitable for him — a piece by Traffic (my brother's favourite group), Simon and Garfunkel's Bridge Over Troubled Water at my mother's request, and Elton John's Funeral For A Friend. When my mother died in 1990, we played popular music again. played popular music again including Bridge Over Troubled Water. Six months later my youngest sister died and her twin daughters ar-ranged a similar funeral with appropriate records and a few words spoken by them. In recent years services at

funerals have become far more related to the personality of the individual that has died and more and more fam-ilies are creating their own services. For us, music seemed to say everything Some years later my young when we were lost for words. brother was killed in a road Jackie Rigden.

#### Street already had numerous restaurants, in addition to however, a ray of none the pubs, a cinema and various restaurant's support for the local economy. After an inex-Chief Executive The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB.

tioned above will be met.

century; nevertheless, we are

confident that the dates men-

A Country Diary

swimming this year yet, but paddling is a good second best. People frolicked with surf boards and wet suits. The hypnotic effect of waves breaking as the tide bounces in engulfed us. The beach is clean One gappet correspondent. in engulfed us. The beach is clean. One gannet corpse—glorious in life—showed the oil. Odd stones remain engulfed in oil. Many crustaceans are dead. There is a shortage of worms. But the cosmetic industry has done a good job. The largest oil spill in our history has come and gone. You can buy ice creams on the beach. There will be no public inquiry into what went public inquiry into what went

wrong.
The lanes are robust with forgloves, dog roses and el-derllower. After last year's profusion the forgloves seem spindly, but their colour is as spindly. We share in the plenitude of Painted Lady butter-flies. Some of their success in the blue sky. One slipped downwards giving us a golden flash before drifting off.

AUDREY INSCH

NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE: | comes from their delight in NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE:
Newgale beach lies north of
Haverfordwest. Miles of exhilerating sand fringed with a
bank of pebbles, endlessly fasclinating with their range of
colours, shapes and sizes. No
swinning this year yet, but
paddling is a good second ted one whose wings were falling away like a broken paper parasol. She was still eagerly in pursuit of nectar, her probiscus probing whilst the creamy orbe me the and of the antennae wavered around. She was joined by a Silver Y moth. There are many of these day fliers busy plumbing the depths of flowers. A friend is visited by a Huming Bird Hard. Humming Bird Hawk moth. This compact little insect looks and behaves like a humming bird: wings frantically vibrating it hangs in the air whilst it explores the flower. On the larger size of life, we were sitting over breakfast with friends one day when I looked up and saw two distant shapes — buzzards? Sitting in shapes — buzzarus. Shang in the sun, drinking coffee I la-zily watched them. Suddenly they weren't buzzards. Binoc-ulars confirmed two immature Golden Eagles hanging

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#### Diary

#### Matthew Norman

EWS reaches us that International Who's Who debutant Mandy Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool, has been ad-mitted to the inner circle of Carla Powell, wife of Sir Charles, Lady Thatcher's onetime foreign affairs ad-viser (Charles's brother Jonathan is Tony Blair's chief of staff, but we should take care to take care to avoid presenting an overly-incestuous facade). Mrs Powell is seen as a throwback to the ele-gant era of the political hostess — a woman of a certain age who held exotic dinner parties in grand houses, and sought (over the port) to advance the claims of her favourites. It would, however, be quite wrong to connect this friendship with Mandy's rumoured desire for the For-eign Office; for, as he recently said on TV, he has no personal ambition whatsoever. No, what worries me is that this is the second time in weeks that he has been connected to a married lady; you will recall his thigh-gyrating antics on the disco floor with Anne McEl-voy, newly-wed deputy edi-tor of the Spectator. Wor-ried friends and foes alike are asking themselves: is no woman safe from Mandy's

ESTERDAY, Superintendent John Rich ardson, the Wittgenstein of the Mersey beat who compares co-ordinated policing to a migrating flock of geese, considered how the birds maximise their flying range by flying in a V-formation. That was the good news. Today, (courtesy of Police magazine) the Super continues his analogy by contemplating the bad. "When a goose falls out of formation," he explains, "it suddenly feels the drag of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation ... When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing, and another goose flies to the point. Geese honk from-behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed." There we are then. Tomorrow, in the final extract. Supt Richardson con siders the chain of events when a goose falls sick.

HOSE seeking a distinguishing factor be-tween police and geese may be grateful for this observation: geese do not have to rely on charity. A Canadian newspaper reports-that officers in British Columbia are donating old Kevlar bullet-proof vests British counterparts. "The officers just can't afford to buy them over there." says Canadian PC Bob Eden. reporting that, although 2,000 vests have already reached Blighty, 5,000 British coppers remain on the waiting list. Michael Howard must be proud indeed.

OLICE were called to a launderette in Nash-ville, Tennessee, reports the Fortean Times, after a customer noticed that a man had come in soaking wet from the rain. put some coins into a drier, climbed into the machine, and was in the process of tumble-drying. Police may well have said that there was no need to iron out any later released uncharged.

N Dayton, Kentucky. severely myopic James Harris survived being struck on the head by light-ning. The bolt broke his jaw and melted his socks, but Mr Harris, 61, can now see

Na bid to save men's lawn tennis from the domination of Pete Sam-pras, the Diary has been in secret conclave with the International Tennis Federation. From tomorrow, umpires will be empowered to speak the words, "Code vio-lation. Tongue hanging down. Warning, Mr Sampras." The next descent will lose him a point, and then an entire game. Should it slake its way downwards a fourth time, he will forfeit the match. It's drastic; but something must be done.

EXT year's sporting frenzy, the diary can reveal, will revolve around the sport of frozen chicken bowling, currently all the rage at the Fat Ladies' Arms in Welling. ton, New Zealand. "It's the new craze, and we invented iti" announced an excited spokesman.



### Fear stalks the road to nowhere new

### Commentary

#### Hugo Young

ODAY'S election document from the Labour Party, The Road To The Manifesto, is a success even before it's pub-lished. The illusion of its seminal importance is already a triumph of presentation. It will contain nothing to surprise anyone who keeps up with affairs. But that is the point. It is designed to create the excitement of something new, without actu-ally being new in any way. Standing between the scores of policy statements already published, and the manifesto proper which awaits the final campaign. The Road is resplendent proof of the difference between politics and art. For the artist, originality is everything. For the politic is everything. For the politi-cian, repetition, masquerading with media help as bril-liant novelty, is the essence

of his trade. What, in the case of New will matter? Or content? moral position. The focus Well, the answer to that one can be given immediately. like big ideas. Their prefer-Totting up the policies
Labour is pledged to, the
party accountants came to a
figure of 100-plus. The NEC
meditated whether to include them as an appendix to The Road, but decided against. The list, as a list, might give hostages to the Daily Mail What still matters supremely is tone. The Road to the Manifesto will be the acme, the crystallised climax, of what Tony Blair has been making of the Labour Party for the last two years.

This begins with the fact that there is a document at all, an adventure no previous leader would have thought to undertake. Although the risk of rejection is zero, that doesn't alter the value of the exercise. Publication invites inclusiveness. It is, of course, manipulative. It asks the party a question to which the leader long ago dictated the answer. But its wide circulation will mean that everyoody knows the score.

The document is full of small ideas, another Blair hallmark. The Big Idea, once desperately sought as the battering-ram to smash Thatcherism, is nowhere to be ble, the course Blair set was found. Relief from the duty to ambitious to revoke the hisproduce one has been pro-vided by the "focus groups" thous to disturb the future of

groups, it turns out, don't like big ideas. Their prefer-ence, repeatedly expressed, is ence, repeatedly expressed, is for modest schemes that have some chance of happening, rather than the expansive promise which nobody believes. This is a helpful reinforcement for the kind of politics that makes a relatively modest estimate of the iniquities of the status out.

A late draft of The Road even said that the programme here presented was "limited" as well as "practical". Someone had the sense to see that "limited" was an abnegation too far, and got the word excised. But the in-stinct behind it was eloquent. It spoke for Mr Blair's fiveyear mantra, uttered to any-one he came across, against the betrayal myth that has dogged all his predecessors, who fought elections on promises they knew were un-deliverable. Blair wants everyone to understand that he is getting his betrayal in first, before not after the election, and having it endorsed by secret ballot.

Thus far, the strategy is intelligible. As the critical path for a cause in terminal trou-

was, above all, defensive. New Labour has been dominated by the desire to give offence to no one, and if proof were needed of its success the infantile desperation of this week's Tory riposte, The Road to Ruin, supplies it. Defence, however, is no longer either necessary or sufficient for a party holding steady at 20 points ahead, and prepar-ing at last to govern. The Road to the Manifesto will be negative promises born of a continuing failure of self-

confidence. The omens are not good. What happened last week in Scotland revealed a leadership gripped by neurotic anxiety. Committing to a devolution referendum is justiflable, but asking a separate question about tax can have sprung from no other source

The paradox this exhibits is hard to decipher, for Tony Blair is not a risk-averse politician

than a fear that has nothing to do with Scotland. The tax issue is well understood in Scotland. A tax-raising parliament is the only route to accountable politics. What the leadership feared was linguistic bleed-across to England, tax and Labour mentioned in a single breath, somehow working their mis-begotten way into the con-sciousness of the Home Counties. A fantastic proposition. When I heard this decratic principle, just saying that Labour did not have the courage of what appeared, until then, to be one of its

most explicit convictions. The paradox this exhibits is hard to decipher. For Mr Blair is not a risk-averse poli-tician. What he decided to do to the Labour Party within months of taking over has receded into the museum of Road to the Manuerous receded into the museum receded into the museum political antiquities, but it was breathtaking in its boldness. Having re-written Clause Four, he didn't stop there. With the party he is showing utter ruthlessness, exploiting his incontestable supremacy, remaking the structures in a way that both enhances his own power and expands the democratic base.
Criticisms of his methods are
pretty much beside the point.
Policy has to start somewhere, and a strong leader

where, and a strong leader makes sure it starts with him. The party did not put Blair where he is with in-structions to be weak. With the country, by con-trast, he takes no risk at all. He tells it nothing it might not want to hear. Especially its big battalions. It may be coincidence that the people he addressed the day before the launch were a business audience, but it tells you how strong the fear factor remains: not the country's fear of Blair, but Blair's fear

of the forces that may misun-

derstand him.
This pessimism is dispiriting. Having doubled the numbers in the party, the leader needs to make them proud of something more than being on the winning side. This can't be done by continuing to say, predominantly, what Labour no longer is, cannot promise, will not risk, or Labour, does this repetition of vided by the "focus groups" tious to disturb the future of cision, I felt for the first time doesn't mean. I haven't seen that the clammy hand of the Road To The Manifesto. Road be read? What test does sant consultations with the have to pass? Is tone what whom supply the data for its They dictated a stance that after all, reach to the heart of I'll be counting.

### New Labour. It seemed so damnably nervous, having nothing to do with demo with chilling prospects



Francine Stock

EENAGERS get ecology like acne. Twenty-five years ago, the fate of the planet worried me rather more than my skin did. Since then, at regular intervals, the climate change scares have blown in and out, a few points up and down on the temperature projection, with warnings of storms ahead.

Every so often, a president or a prime minister appears and utters resolute and reassuring words. But, like a hole in the ozone layer for anyone who doesn't know how to measure it, climate change is a concept so vast and ab-stract as to defy prolonged contemplation. It frightened the hell out of us - but was it

there or not?

Now John Gummer has spoken and it is so. The Cots-wolds and Suffolk will be growing maize and sunflowers by 2025. Europe's climate will have migrated to the north by some 150 miles. Forget the wrangling of lobbyists and propagandists, this is not a matter for debate; it is too late. The north will get wetter, the south drier. Pollution already in the atmosphere will take care of that. It is the very real demonstration that there is no longer any such thing as Nature. Every part of our en-vironment, from ice-crystals at the Poles to fox-gloves in the garden, is touched by man's intervention. Adieu to the snowy owl and ta-ta to the ptarmigan, welcome to the malarial mosquito. Gerald Manley Hopkins's list of dap-Manley Hopkins's list of dap-pled things — stippled trout and landscape plotted and pieced — might well be lost in the glare of the southern sun. We need to be inventive to deal with this legacy. Shift the nurseries to Yorkshire, Eng-leved's new earden: struce up land's new garden; spruce up the southern beaches;

strengthen the coastal de-fences, scrap those watership developments. Invest in for-estry — timber yields could be up by 15 per cent in the north. If you haven't done to have get out of arable farming. not simply mean the migra-Houses with wells will be at a tion of a few species and a premium in meridional England and manufacturers of designing the Millennium Miser. In the face of adversity, the British get thinking.

Or did they? Paintings of the great triumphs of the indus-trial revolution seem inevitably set against an overcast sky. Humphrey Davy and George Stephenson puzzled over mining lamps in leaden gloom, surely. Babbage and Brunel must have built their great intellectual and engi-

neering constructions in a trough of low pressure. Scientists and engineers may well have flocked to the British Isles in the early 19th century because the economic climate was more encouraging than the weatherman's outlook. Had the weather been balmy, would our great inventors have spent so long in the laboratory? If the rain had not run down the windows at Bath, would Jane Austen, still have contemplated the instill have contemplated the instill have contemplated the instill have contemplated the intrica-cies of heart and purse? The constraints of the British climate — its unpredictability, its chills, its sudden gifts of warmth — have spawned not just our favourite conversa-

just our favourite conversa-tional opener, but a certain pragmatism and irony.

The charm of Wimbledon requires the ceremony of the covers and umbrellas from time to time (a downpour is the perfect backdrop for Cliff's the perfect backdrop for Cliff's plucky performance). A cricket umpire would be an insubstantial figure without the sweaters. If that grim climate is replaced by the extremes of drought, storm and flood, then we are in for Sturm

and Drang all round.
Scotland, according to the
Department of the Environment, can expect a 9 per cent increase in rainfall by the middle of the next century. Much of Ireland should prepare for more cloudbursts too. Wales, all except the north, which stays pretty much as it is, will be appreciably drier, so a Celtic division is opening up already. Demand for irriga-tion water in the south will go up by 63 per cent — prompting fierce deal-making between those water companies awash and those desperate to soak their thirsty customers. And who will foot the bill for the great north-south water

other the money will be found, because we are a relatively rich country. Even in the searing heat of a Sussex noon, workers in the vine-yards and sunflower fields will shrug expressively at the problem while they flick away the malarial mosquitoes. Whatever the short term trials, human invention and enterprise will eventually get us out of this mess. After all, it got us into it.

But we are not the problem The problem lies to the south side of the Mediterranean, tion of a few species and a shuffling of agriculture. land and manufacturers of There, drought and floods will water butts may even now be threaten death for millions. To survive they will have to move, and they must move north. Gummer's maps of our future landscape do not include an approaching front of humanity dreaming of the kind of inconvenience we dread. By our thoughtless con-sumption, the leading industrialised nations have created this situation, but it is only the prospect of parched lawns that makes us count the cost.



Is it Jimmy? Is it James? Can they really be the same person? Denis MacShane finds that the Goldsmith manifesto on Europe has lost, or gained, something in translation

# The altered ego

Sir James Goldsmith self known? Both Conservative and Labour anti-Europeans are being seduced by the Goldsmith campaign. though the free trade wing of the Conservative Party is waking up to the fact that waking in it is a keen protec-tionist — as Sir Michael Spicer MP pointed out, to Goldsmith's fury, earlier this

But the real problem is that there are two Goldsmiths, as indicated by a textual analysis of his political manifesto, The Trap. The English edition, published by Macmillan, states that the book was first published in Paris in 1993. Yet Le Piège (the French word for trap) is not the same book.as The Trap. Even the author's name is slightly different. The French version is by Jimmy Goldsmith, the English version by James Goldsmith. A side-by-side reading of the texts reveals that Jimmy and James often seem at odds

In the French version, Jimmy says he "wants a America and Japan as well as None of these clear policy low wage country with the South Africa by Chief Buthe-

trol "diplomacy and defence", the latter "consisting exclusively of Europen military forces

Anti-Americanism is a unifying theme for Jimmy. "European diplomacy is a tool" allowing "a re-united Europe to protect itself" from American attempts "to impose global free trade". Jimmy insists that "Euro-

French Jimmy says he 'wants a strong Europe which can protect its economy'

pean authorities need strong powers" to make the single market work, and he calls for a "Europen Central Bank" which will prevent "competitive devaluations" such as the pound sterling has enjoyed since 1992. Convergence crite-

pean Parliament, whose work is "either a waste of time or downright destructive" — words which do not appear in the French text, where Jimmy is rather keen on European institutions. So much so that be wants a new super-body, a "European Sen-ate", to increase oversight of Brussels. English James has sensibly dropped this pro-posal, which is unlikely to win friends among the anti-European press and politi-

French Jimmy isn't too keen on allowing the central and eastern European nations into the EU. Instead, he thinks they should create their own "common market" and that, rather than open its own frontiers, the European Union should slap a variety of tariffs on imports from the ably missing from the English new democracies.

cians in London.

Jimmy is remarkably contemptuous of British Conservatives who suffer from "colonial nostalgia" for their free trade "ideological heritage". He is "horrified" at "British strong Europe" which can 'sprotect its economy against America and Japan as well as 'None of the country should seek to attain and respect the criteria."

None of the country should seek to attain ain". Ministers, protests Jimmy, "describe Britain as and respect the criteria." Jimmy, "describe Britain as a approvingly of the efforts in

ILL the real developing countries". He statements appears in the The weakest social rights in lezi to create a Zulu nation Sir James agrees that Brussels should Trap. English James, for ex- Europe It's as if they want to against the "Serbian" domination by Nelson Mandela. Europe. It's as if they want to depict England as the Mexico of Europe." Wisely, James keeps this anti-Tory stuff out of the English "translation". On the other hand, Jimmy is quite clear which country should lead Europe: not Engand, where "an economic and social crisis is only just beginning", but France, because he "places his hopes in France and the French". This ween James and Jimmy are praise of France is unaccount-

> English James either leaves out or softens the ruminations on nationhood

There are other more worrying bits in the French version. Jimmy is not too keen on "women leaving their homes", even if this brings about economic growth. And while he says he is no racist he does "accept racial differand writes

Jimmy is keen on the move in Italy and Belgium to break up the "artificial states" of Europe, and hints that a breakaway by Bavaria would help reduce German power. James either leaves out or softens Jimmy's ruminations on nationhood. The difference in tone be-

to be seen on nearly every page. The perfectly clear French adjective primitif, which Jimmy likes to apply to Third World people, is translated by James a "primal", something quite different.

Of course, few British politicians or journalists have had the time to read both books. Neither the French nor the English version has an index, so tracking these differences is difficult. Moreover, the order of the various sections is quite different in the two books. But comparison is worth the effort because English James is a very different writer from French Pièce share the same title but they are not the same

Denis MacShane is Labour MP

book



### Pioneer of wave power

energy of the waves to replace fossil fuels, and tried to convert the British govern-ment and the scientific establishment.

Head of the electricity utility in Mauritius when it was a British colony, he realised that without energy resources the country was in a perilous position. He devised a plan to harness the waves on the shore. It was abandoned in 1966 on the grounds that the price of oil was falling and it would be cheaper to import it. In the 1970s the price shot up. Thus did Mauritius pay the price for governmental short-sightedness. If his scheme had been built, it would now be generating electricity, with the "fuel" arriving free.

Bott was an unlikely rebel. He was a distinguished civil and electrical engineer who looked like an Edwardian gentleman He worked on hydro-electrical power in Scot-land in the 1930s before going to Mauritius. There he was appailed that a poor island was importing expensive oil. So he studied wave power, a largely-unknown technology, with backing and advice from the Ministry of Overseas De-velopment, Crown Agents and the Hydraulics Research

Station in Oxfordshire.

Mauritius has a line of reefs fringing the coast and he devised a scheme to join the reefs to the shore by two sidewalls, thus turning the enclosed area into a man-made reservoir. From there, the water would be released back into the sea, through openings in the walls, driving a

line of turbo-generators.

A similar idea was developed by the Norwegians in 1985 and Bott was delighted

OEL BOTT. who has died aged 88, pioneered the idea of using the renewable showers, he leapt up and down with printer that the saw it working at a site near Bergen. Ignoring his age (78), the cold and icy and down with printer that the saw it working at a site near Bergen. Ignoring his age (78), the cold and icy and the saw it working at a site near Bergen. Ignoring his age (78), the cold and icy age (78). down with excitement.

Bott put wave power on the map when, in 1975, he pre-sented a paper to the Royal Society of Arts, He explained was new to most of the scientists in his audience. The paper became a seminal work for everyone engaged in the Government's wave energy programme, launched a year later, and Bott was a promi-nent participant at all the wave-power conferences.

He argued in the mid-1980s for his plan, whose capacity for energy storage in a reser-voir would be preferable, he said, to flywheel storage, which was then more popular. He also suggested that his type of wave-power station, on or close to the shore, was superior to seagoing types, which he believed would not be able to survive for long in the open sea. He was listened to with great respect, even by scientists whose own schemes were based on offshore power stations.

Bott was elected a member of the Royal Institution in 1973 and became a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He was also a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and a fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers. He was awarded the OBE in 1965 for his work as a consulting engineer with

the Crown Agents. His wife, Jessie Jenkins MacFarlane, predeceased him and they leave two daughters.

David Ross

Noel Walton Bott, engineer, born December 9, 1907: died



Bott . . . bid to harness the sea for energy



A vanished world . . . a scene from Green's Yiddle On The Fiddle, starting Molly Picon

Joseph Green

# Yiddisher poppa

who has died aged 96, was the Billy Wilder of the Yid-dish film. He also fancied himself as its Sam Goldwyn. He and Goldwyn had similar backgrounds, born into traditional Jewish families in Poland. Their accents were virtually inter-changeable and they both had a profound respect for what could be recorded on film. But where Goldwyn was a world-famous multi-millionaire. Green had a more limited bank account. And where Goldwyn made films for the best part of 50 years. Green

nest part of 50 years, Green achieved everything he did in the film industry in the course of just five.

By the time Green had produced and directed his last movie, there were no audiences left. Hitler and the Holocaust had ensured that Holocaust had ensured that the Yiddish language would never again be understood by enough people to make it worthwhile to produce films

For a time though, he seemed to be on to something so good that he did indeed secome rich, in more than just money: he was producing an invaluable archive of a vanished world. Three and a half million Jews, practically all of them Yiddish speakers, lived in Poland before the Nazis moved in. A few thou-sand were still there after the war. Green made four films in the country — his entire original output — between 1937 and 1939. He deliberately rushed the last, Mameia, because he was convinced the end of Polish Jewry was nigh. Born Joseph Greenberg, he went to the US in 1923 with a troupe of Yiddish players

of a girl cursed with the spirit of the dead man to whom she had been betrothed.

Two years later he went to Hollywood as a bit-part actor in a string of Jewish roles — his most notable walk-on role was in Al Jolson's The Jazz Singer. It was in 1931 that he first thought of making his own movies. The coming of sound made films in which Jews spoke their own language economically viable. With his first idea he struck

gold. He turned a silent Italian Biblical epic called (for American audiences) Joseph in the Land of Egypt into a Yiddish sound picture. With a few extra shots using actors from the Yiddish theatre — Greenberg himself played Joseph — and a soundtrack, the picture immediately became a huge hit on New York's Lower East Side and in other places with large Jewish populations. The original producer of the film was so delighted, he gave his Yiddish lirector and star a print of the picture as payment

with the rights to show it wherever he wanted to do so. it made even more money than in New York, and then to tively devoured in every town that it played. One cinema owner asked him how many copies he had of the movie. "Just one," he said. "But you have the negative?" the man what he was talking about. Overnight, the cinema owner had a negative made of the picture, thus allowing him to show it in several places at one time and theoretically, keep it for posterity. Flushed with his success



people in Hollywood, changed his name — to Communication name - to Green - and set about making his own people were making Yiddish films too. But in 1936 he encouraged one of the brightest figures on the Yiddish stage in New York to make a picture with him. She was Molly Picon (who later played the matchmaker in the film of Fiddler on the Roof). Green had a story about a group of itinerant musicians in a Jew ish Polish village and rewrote the principal role specially for her. He called the picture Yiddle On The Fiddle, the title of an early Irving Berlin song. nessman. Making the picture in America would mean

York. His wife Annette had predeceased him. A retrospective of Yiddish cinema at the Barbican Centre. London, due to take place in October, will include four of Green's films. spending \$250,000 but for \$50,000 be could go on loca-tion to Poland. So Yiddle and Michael Freedland

from Vilna (now Vilnius), as and a new found wealth, his three other movies, Der Joseph Green, film-maker, born an actor in its production of Greenberg went back to Purimspieler (The Jester), A April 23, 1900; dled June 20, 1996

Brievela der Maman (A Letter to Mama) and Mamela were all made in Poland.

Green used real people in

his films partly because he believed he could not produce

Yiddish films with anyone

else. But it was also a means of doing good deeds. Polish

Jews were, on the whole, des-

perately poor. By giving them

a few zlotys, he was providing charity with dignity. And

For the wedding scene in Yiddle on the Fiddle, he in-

vited the entire Jewish population from miles around to

be extras - as guests at the feast. The food they were

served was supplied by the local kosher caterer. Every time a scene had to be reshot.

more food, freshly cooked, was brought in. There were more retakes of that scene than in any other in the history of the Yiddish film.

Alas, it was to be an all too

short history and so was the

career of Joseph Green. In

1949 he planned a Yiddish film comeback. But the star

with whom he hoped to work

died suddenly and the idea

went with him. Yet a number

of people — including Molly Picon and MGM music direc

tor Nicholas Brodzky — had reason to be grateful to Green

and for a time so did a

comparative handful of

He died in an old people's

home in Great Neck, New

Major-General Tito Okello

### Soldier who ousted Amin

President Yoweri Museveni was campaigning for re-election earlier this year, he shocked many Ugandans by announcing that he intended to use Major-General Tito Okello, the military ruler he had overthrown a decade earlier, as one of his advisers.

Okello, who has died of a heart condition aged 62, was armed forces commander under President Milton Obote during the 1980s and led a ruthless and indiscriminate campaign to put down Mu-seveni's National Resistance Army's insurgency. The Ugandan army's conduct brought charges that brutal-ity against civilians had reached even more gruesome levels than under the ldi Amin dictatorship. But Museveni had already

made his peace with Okello. who had returned from exile under a 1994 amnesty. And the gesture was largely symbolic, since Okello was al-ready fatally ill. Yet by offer-ing Okello a renewed role Museveni acknowledged a debt to a fellow military officer. By first spearheading the Uganda National Liberation Army's 1979 invasion of the country — which toppled Amin — and then in 1985 overthrowing Obote, Okello had paved the way, albeit unwittingly, for Musaveni's own accession and heralded a period of relative stability.

Okello was the sixth of eight children born in north-ern Uganda and after primary education began work as a cotton sales clerk. But like many of his fellow members of the Acheli tribe - who formed the backbone of the British colonial army in Uganda — he joined the King's African Rifles in 1940. He fought with the British army during the second world war in Somalia and Burma. After further service in Kenya he returned to Uganda and, on independence in 1962, became a lieutenant in the newly formed Ugandan army. He is remembered by British officers as a soldier with immense respect for his training who was very good at arranging passing-out ceremonials and the Independence Day

parade. He was rapidly promoted and in 1970 President Obote appointed him chief of staff. But when Idi Amin, another former King's African Rifles soldier, seized power the following year, he fled with Obote to Tanzania. As the world watched Amin's barbarity with increasing horror. Okello, with Tanzanian backing, assembled the force of exiled Ugandans which became the invading army.

Then came Okello's second tenure as army commander under Obote. Museveni's Uganda Patriotic Movement was one of the opposition parties which claimed that the 1980 election was massively rigged. Museveni returned to the bush to launch his National Resistance Army and soon gained ground in the Luwero Triangle, just north of the capital. The national army took terrible retribution against civilians in the area and in the escalating conflict Okello's Achoil

nis player, 33: Ute Lemper.

singer and actress, 33; Gina Lollobrigida, actress, 69;

Francis Maude, former Con-

servative minister, 43; Prince

Michael of Kent, 54; Jenny

Seagrove, actress, 39; Pam

Shriver, tennis player, 34: Neil Simon, playwright, 69; Prof Sir Michael Stoker

FRS, pathologist, 78; King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV of

Tonga, 78; Tony Van Den Bergh, writer and broad-caster, 80; Colin Welland, ac-



Okello . . . hot seat

officers complained that they were bearing the brunt of the casualties. In 1985 Obote reportedly told his officers: If you want to take over this chair you can bring your guns and take it. but it is

very hot."
Okello took him at his word and on July 27 mounted a coup and took over as chairman of a military council. He justified the coup by claiming that Obote had tried to create tribal factions within the army so as not to hold sched

uled elections. The military council lasted barely six months, its leader ship marked by ineptitude, factiousness and the lack of coherent policy. Despite Okel-lo's promise to hold free elections, he was outmanoeuvred within the council and by Musoveni, who refused to join it. Okello then took the desperate step of accepting help from former Amin soldiers. Museveni was further alienated and divisions in the council became deeper. Through Okello's weakness, Museveni's guerilla campaign gained ground and, when Okello's army crumbled in

Okelio fled initially to Sudan, from where he in-tended to return with a new army to Uganda. Later, however, he reconciled himself to exile in Tanzania before accepting President Museveni's ampesty offer.

#### Julian Marshell

Major-General Tito Lutwa Okelio, soldier, born 1914; dies

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Manuel Gosono vorites: For the record, Ella Fitzgerald's 17) was annulled after about six months, rather than two years. Your fine obituary showed just how much Ella had to overcome in her personal life to make a successful career over 60 years. She had talent and a loving, giving heart and yet Ella was genu-inely surprised that anyone liked her singing. Such humility is rare in the world of entertainment.

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as the man who brought Viv Richards to England, to join Somerset in 1973. maker, the son of a farmer

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ornions have, amost since prehistoric time, been attributed aphrodisiacal properties. They are mentioned in many classic Hindu texts on the art of making love, they

were the most used aphrodis

iac in Ancient Greece and

and Arab recipes.

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EN CREED, who has died aged 79, will be day, he had a cutting from a driver how to find the cracket magazine which the man who brought said that Colin Cowdrey used to sing in the cathedral choir.

whole island seemed to

consecutive days except by

old and cold-tempered men.

For those who thought onion

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I LOOKED at the roster. It

forthcoming networks de-

(all-financial news), CNNSI (a joint venture with sports

Channel, Dow Jones's WBIS

MSNBC (the joint venture be-

Newsworld International, Global Village Network,

tween NBC and Microsoft

that premieres on July 15). All of them, as far as I could tell, were planning to run talk shows or current-affairs programs featuring old white

men shouting at one another. CLICK. Six networks dedi-

work, Fitness Interactive, the

Recovery Network, Fit TV and Jones Health Network.

cated to health, with names

like America's Health Net-

Anti-aging Network, the

illustrated), BBC World

breath the ultimate turn-off, see

Johan's Guide to Aphrodisiacs

it entirely on his own ini- | he helped to roll the wicket. tiative without the backing of Somerset, though the his air fare. Creed watched Richards

in a match out there. Eager to make an impression Richards jumped out and was stumped by a mile. But the umpire, a friend of his, ensure a ticket to England. Shy and unworldly in those days, he played for the old Bath club, Lans-

for transportation: Automo-

nel, Speedvision, the Air &

Space Network, Wingspan,

and Trax. Re-runs, obscure

sporting events and documen-taries high on their schedules

CLICK. Even four networks programmed mostly with

Nick at Nite's TV Land, Clas-

sic Sports Network and the Soap Channel. Two hundred

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master plan somewhere, to

put something into the water to turn us into video robots

and give us three more hours a day to watch TV?

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runs: Game Show Network

tive television, the Auto Chan-

erset, at Swansea in the Benson & Hedges, he made 81 and Brian Close made the players line up to cheer him in. Creed, the tough old

bookie, was in tears. Creed, who later became chairman of Somerset, sald: "I was able to dine out on my recruitment success for years — I just knew he was a world class player."

#### Rene Arnoux, racing driver,

48; Lord Barber, former Conservative Chancellor, 76; Alec and Eric Bedser, cricketing twins, 78; Irving Caesar, lyri-cist, 101; Richard Clothier, chief executive, Dalgety, 51; Tanat Caham hanker broad Janet Cohen, banker, broadcaster and writer, 56; Alas-tair Goodlad MP, government chief whip, 53; Lord Hankey, former diplomat, 91; Roy Henderson, baritone, 97; David Jensen, disc jockey. 46, Duncan Lamont, composer, 65; Henri Leconte, ten-

More advertisements

for and playwright, 62; Lord Wyatt of Weeford, colum-nist, chairman, Horserace Totalisator Board, 78. anism means that never again will you be forced wittingly or unwittingly into the ridicule of heavily behaired rivals. (Prospective buyers should note that the Autobeeper as supplied does not work: it is a small black box.)

#### Tactical tips

Galvanometer style

L. NEVER trust anyone not to dish the dirt — chaplains, doctors, nurses or even friends. Remember barracks are just one big slumber party and these boys are such terrible gossips when they get together. 2. Don't worry about looking

gay. It's acceptable to have hair no longer than No 2. work out and wear combats all the time. But to carry the straight illusion, learn to fart extravagantly and in time with the music — to the tune of Colonel Bosey rather than Big Spender.

3. Read up on skirt and sport. Subscribe to Big Jugs. A Fantasy Football team consisting of Eric Cantona, David James, Jamie Redknapp

Giggsie and Ginola might give the game away. . Cottage queens beware. Military Police carry out camera surveillance operations of toilets and cruising grounds near army bases. Not the sort of skin flick you'd want to star in. Gay pubs are also raided, so don't be seen in the Mucky Duck in Aldershot.

5. It might be one of your fantasies to be slapped about a bit by a man in a uniform, but if you come under suspicion and the Military Police start to ask questions about your personal life, you could be wise to get civilian legal

Think long and hard about what you are doing in the Forces in the first place. Mark White in Attitude teaching tactics on how to survive as

a gay in the Armed Forces. łackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk: fax 0171-713 4366. Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR 3ER.

**Emily Sheffield** 

#### Len Creed

had been impressed by a young Antiguan. "I'd never heard of the lad." said Creed, "and didn't know the the proper way to pro-nounce Antigua." But and the county vice-chair nounce Antigua." But taking Richards back to Somerset; Creed found him Len Creed, bookmaker, born man. When he went to Anti- Creed jumped into a taxi at England. In fact, Creed did a girlfriend and in return April 24, 1917; died June 3, 1996

mixed with pine seeds. One

exception is the recommenda-tion of the Roman epigramma

tist Martial: "If your wife is old and your member is ex-hausted, eat onions in plenty."

The Perfumed Garden, an

Arab 16th century erotic man-ual written by Sheik al-

Nefzawi, bears a testimony to onions. "The member of Abou

rect for thirty days without a

erect for thirty days without a break because he did eat onions." More specifically, he ate onions cooked with meat and, for drink, had the juice

pressed out of pounded onions

mixed with honey. And an even more powerful prepara-

tion: Take one part of the juice

and mix it with two parts of purified honey, heat the mix-ture until the water of the

onion-juice has evaporated and let the residue get cool, to

be used whenever required. But be careful. A man using

this for several consecutive

out intermission, the sheik

warns (or promises?). Fur-

thermore, the medicine should never be used for three

days will constantly have his member rigid and erect with-

ed out of pounded onions

el Heiloukh has remained

Within 24 hours, the

know that an official from

Somerset was thinking of down, while qualifying for taking Richards back to Somerset; Creed found him

**David Foot** 

for Grandmothers will soon decibel warning signal when have your grandmother suck ing eggs with the best of them. The method has been tried and abling the user to easily track down the source of the sound ested on selected grandand consequently the hair. mothers from the North of Eng This is loud enough to wake land with an average improve night-shift workers in sur-rounding streets, and there is ment of up to 100 per cent!!! Simply send £25 in used notes no danger of it being missed to Egg Offer, and receive you even if your hearing is not copy by return of post. And if what it used to be. The only drawback is that your neigh bours might beat the shit out in the interim, we will refund

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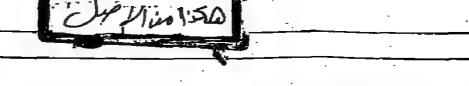
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# Weinstock's £1bn finale



Sparkling farewell . . . Lord Weinstock leaves record GEC profits PHOTOGRAPH DAND SILLTOE

LORD Weinstock yesterday delivered re-cord profits and a beoming order book plus a surprisingly high dividend increase as his terewell after 33 years in charge of electrical and electronics group GEC. He will be-come chairman emerities after handing over toer Rover and Lucas chief executive

leorge Simpson. GEC chairman Lord Prior said yesterd: year record of achievement as maniging director speaks for itself. Mr Simpson will enjoy the full support of the board and

first time, almost £100 million higher than het year, before deducting a £48 million let contract die

N 33 YEARS at the top of GEC. Arnold Weinstock

has carved out a place in British industrial his-

tory as one of the com-

try's most successful top man-agers. But he remains an enigma — a shadowy figure who shuns the high profile

adopted by many of his peers.

The company was on the rocks in the late 1950s after it failed to manage the success

sion to the group's founder, Lord Hirst, and the end of the

The board saw Weinstock as a potential saviour because of his success in running the radio and television business

of his father-in-law, Sir Michael Sobell. While GEO

and the other industry lead-

ers struggled to make money in this growing consumer market, Sobell's Radio & Allied Industries, under

Weinstock's leadership, went from strength to strength. In 1961 GEC bought Radio &

Allied and, less than two years later, on January 1 1963, Weinstock took over as man-

aging director, the post he has

held ever since. One of Weinstock's great at-

tractions to GEC's non-execu-

tractions to circ's non-execu-tives was that he was, as one of them put it recently, "one of the awkward squad", not prepared to stand on cere-mony. Never one to suffer fools gladly, he was, and still

is, single-minded in the pur-

resulted in an impatience and directness often interpreted by

those on the receiving end as rudeness and ruthlessness. Weinstock has always been

quick to judge people, but often quick to realise also that his first, enthusiastic judg-

His husiness indements

have been much sounder,

from the initial view that con-

solidation of the industry was

attempts to forge interna-

By 1970 Weinstock had not only turned round GEC but

had also controversially

taken over the mighty AEI and come in as a "white

knight" to save English Elec-

tric from the unwelcome at-

tentions of Plessey. Both

sential to his more recent

ment was wrong.

post-war electrical boom.

Arcrast development. The increase came entirely from GEC's three main business and especially GEC-Marconi aerospace a defence electronics operations. The division was boosted last year by the acquisitions of warship yard VSEL, which added £60 million of the £94 million increase.

The belocome joint wature with Siemess of Germany produced £10 million extra profit, while profits at power joint venture GEC-Aisthom rose £20 million to £177 milappoint as the Hotpoint and Creds di saw profits fall to £11 million.

Lord Weinstock's Jegendary cash mountain shrank alightly, due mainly to the VSEL acquisition. But GEC still had more than £1.1 billion in the bank at year-ond, plus a further £1.5 billion in the joint ventures. investors were cheered by the divid

Weinstock's record (right-hand scale)



interests ranging from air | son of France, GEC also own craft and trains, through power station equipment, to defence electronics and con-sumer products such as Hotpoint washing machines.

Weinstock carried on efforts to rationalise the telecommunications supplier base through a takeover of Plessey, achieved eventually in 1989 through a joint venture with the GEC's German equivalent, Stemens.

without a fight, helping to set up a consortium which aimed GEC - the only time in Weinstock's reign that the company has come under threat, and a symptom of the City's impatience with a perceived lack of dynamism in the

The Siemens deal put an end to that, while dynamism was also evident in the cre power engineering with Alsthom of France, plus a merger of the white goods business in the UK with General Electric in the US.

The power and telecom deals created two of the group's three main businesses, the other being the wholly-owned Marconi dedeals left GEC as the undis-puted industry leader, with now eyeing links with Thom-

a string of smaller businesses Many in the City would rather see them sold, but Weinstock has always argued that, while they are making adequate returns, there is no point selling them in the ab-sence of offers even he could not refuse. After all, GEC does not need the money . . It is notorious for its cash mountain, another source of fric-tion with the City.

THENT CASH CORTED AND strict profitability targets remain Weinstock's hallsark, and by those standards he has been an astonishing success. Despite Britain's de-industrialisation during his tenure, GEC under Weinstock has seen profits fall only three times — in 1967, 1986 MD(11991. It has had an outflow of

cash from operations only twice — in 1989 and 1990. Return on capital rose above 20 per cent for the first time in 1973 and has dipped below that level only once since. On the other hand, employment has fallen steadily.

Whatever, critics argue that with greater vision and less restriction on its managers' ambition, GEC could have been a much greater

**Roger Cowe** 

#### Notebook

### Regulators link up to plug gaps



Edited by Mark Milner

OR some time financial regulators have been under pressure of events to cooperate not just across national boundaries but also across industry divides. Market globalisation and banks which own securities houses, for example, have forced the great and the good within both the banking and securi-ties industries to ponder ways of working together effectively. There have been a number of occasions — BCCI and Barings, for instance which have exposed the gaps

in the framework. In that sense yesterday's announcement that the dep-uty governor of the Bank of and, Howard Davies, will join the Securities and Invest-ments Board while SIB's chairman, Sir Andrew Large, will be given a seat on the Board of Banking Supervi-sion is no more than a formal acknowledgement of the de-veloping trend towards closer cooperation. The recent, but less widely publicised, forma-tion of a small teem drawing on staff from the SIB, the Securities and Futures Association and the Stock Exchange, aimed at providing early warning of suspected market abuse, is another example of

similar thinking.
None-the-less the seniority of those involved in the cross appointments ennounced yestenday underline the impor-tance which the UK authori-ties attach to strengthening the links between those responsible for different areas of Ilnancial service

industry. According to Sir Andrew, however, it is not just the links between regulators which need strengthening. SIB is clearly frustrated about the limits on regulators' pow ers to investigate organisa-tions or individuals suspected of abusing the markets they supervise (either through ma-nipulation or insider dealing)

but which are not authorised by the appropriate regulatory authority. Unauthorised firms or individuals fall within the remit of the criminal system, rather than the regulators. It is clear Sir Andrew

would like that to change, not by decriminalising market abuse, but by giving the regulators civil powers to pursue those who currently fell outside its scope.

Such a move would have attractions. The burden of proof would be likely to be less than that required for a successful over "open skies" issues such criminal prosecution. The UK as landing rights and routes. authorities have experience enough of the difficulties of presenting complex cases of alleged financial irregularity. There is also an appealing logic in giving those charged with supervising markets the powers to call to account all those who might seek to the consumer — would be abuse those same markets.

But any such system would need to be transparent. Transgressors, their punishments and the reasons for such pun ishments should be widely available. That might appear self-evident; but as Sir Andrew himself noted yesterday even where SIB has the power to ban those who are deemed to constitute a risk to investors, it still has difficulty in publicising their

#### End of an era

ORD Weinstock, has always been a man who on the basis of figures. On that score he is bowing out at GEC on a high note, with record profits and order book and a bonus for investors of a higher dividend increase than had been expected.
It completes a remarkable

ken profit growth despite the various assaults on Britain's manufacturing industry over the years, from inflation and industrial turmoil in the 1970s, to the de-industrialisation of the 1980s. That period has seen the disappearance of many erstwhile UK rivals, as well as difficulties in Conti-nental counterparts, such as

Marconi's surge in profits last year, with the aid of the VSEL acquisition, underlines the tremendous job-Lord Weinstock has done in de-fence of electronics. On the other hand critics will point to the £11 million profit from consumer goods as the legacy of GEC's failure to capitalise on the consumer electronics boom of the past 15 years. Evidence aplenty, then, for those who would argue he has either made or marred a huge swathe of British manufactur

ing industry.
One thing is clear, however Lord Weinstock leaves his successor George Simpson a substantial industrial heritage and plenty of cash to develop it.

#### Row takes off

HE European Commis sion's insistence on its right to vet the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines, along with five other links be-tween US and European carriers is clearly part of a turf war. The question is: which bit of turf?

The commission is basing its case on article 69 of the Treaty of Rome which would suggest the issue at stake is competition. It is hard to avoid the feeling, however that competition commistransport commissioner Neil Kinnock are pushing the commission's claims to be the body through which to conduct negotiations with the US Britain, in particular, is keen to see such negotiations kept

on a bi-lateral basis, That, however 15 a separate issue. To allow it to impings on competition decisions — which should be determined

### Utilities offer fresh impetus to top pay bonanza

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

HE pay bonanza in the utilities took on some fresh momentum yester day when two companies disclosed huge rises for directors and began the process of setting up new executive bonus

The water and electricity company Hyder has boosted the basic salary of its chief executive. Graham Hawker, by 69 per cent to £225,000, while finance director Paul Twamley received a 47 per

cent rise to £150,000.

Hyder, formerly Welsh Water, bought South Wales Electricity last year to become the second utility to combine water and power services. A spokesman admitted that pay rises for staff had been pegged between 3 and 4 per cent, but said the increase in directors' pay was in line with extra responsibility following the Swalec

takeover. Last year Mr Hawker and Mr Twamley received hefty bonuses of close to the theoretical maximum of 40 per cent. Coupled with other perks, Mr Hawker's and Mr Twamley's total remuneration was £195,000 and £155,000

paid £185,000.

Chairman Iain Evans will be paid £120,000 when he steps down to become non-ex ecutive this summer. Last year, as executive chairman, he was paid £124,000 in salary

and perks. Hyder's annual report revealed that it was seeking to replace executive share opperformance plan potentially worth a further 50 per cent of basic salary in free shares.

Bonuses, worth 40 per cent of salary and last year amounting to £254,000 shared by six directors, will be retained. Several board members exercised substantial tranches of options on shares

At Thames Water, shareholders will be told that chair-man Sir Robert Clarke has received a 62 per cent pay rise, to £233,666, for assuming executive responsibilities on the resignation of the group chief executive, Mike Hoffman, who collected £879,000

before his departure. Mr Hoffman quit when Thames armounced its withdrawal from overseas opera-tions at a cost of £57 million earlier this year. He was paid £384,000 as

compensation, exercised share options worth £160,000, and received £264,000 in his last year in office. The comrespectively.
Group engineering services pany also topped up funding terday all major markets of the pension at a cost of other than Germany had

### US pick-up hits rate cut hopes

Hark Tran in New York and buoyancy in the housing mar-buoyancy in the housing mar-ket, a busier high street and In Germany, brisk manu-fears and left US borrowing

OPES of further world-wide interest rate cuts faded yesterday amid fresh signs of strength in the US economy and a revival of furtures in German industry. City analysis said yester-day's monthly meeting be-tween Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, had ended with a decision to leave base

rates at 5.75 per cent. After last month's surmise quarter-point cut, Mr Clarke is expected to keep his pow-der dry for a few months —

tennitive sims that manufacturing is emerging from the

doldrums. Economists said the buoyancy of key export markets could provide another boost to firms later in the year. reducing pressure for more monetary easing.
Figures released yesterday

pointed to a strong pick-up in North America and Germany — both big markets for British goods. Orders to US factories jumped 1.9 per cent in May, the third successive monthly gain — and the biggest in nine months. Meanwhile new home sales surged facturing activity pushed in-

dustrial output up by 1 per cent, according to the economics ministry. The jump wrong-footed the financial markets, which had pencilled in an increase of 0.5 per cent. Holger Schmieding, an economist at Merrill Lynch Bank AG, said the data repre-sented a solid economic recovery. "If's a genuine turn-around," he said. Analysts said the figures widened the odds on a cut in German rates when the Bundesbank meets

Despite the buoyant US data, the chairman of the Fed- tomorrow.

rates unchanged at 5.25 per cant. Wall Street pundits said the next move in American rates was likely to be up, pointing to new evidence of a healthy recovery. David Wyss, an economist at DRI-McGraw Hill, said: "The Fed is going to tighten. The only question is when." After a modest 23 per cent annualised rate of growth in

the first quarter of 1996, the economy is expected to surge at a 4 per cent rate in the second quarter. Financial markets are now focusing on the latest jobs report, due out

### Diamond sales break class barrier

LAMOND sales soared more than 10 per cent in Britain during the

year, supporting suggestions that the feel-good factor has finally returned. For the first time since the onset of the recession, the sales seem to be spreading down the social scale from the super-rich to ordinary working people.

The huge De Beers company, which markets more

than 80 per cent of the

But UK sales showed a 10 per cent-plus increase dur-ing the first quarter, with strong demand for betterquality stones.

Organisation (CSO), has responded to the sales rise with a 3 per cent increase for rough gemstones. This is an average figure, and disguises the fact that, for diamonds weighing more than one carat (0.2 gram), world's diamonds, said yesthe rise will be 7 per cent.

this year. Five per cent increases in local currency els, while jacking up the Beers sat out the recession terms were seen in the US, cost of stones weighing two with no increases at all. Japan and Korea, with an 8 carats or more by 5 per cent rise in France. cent. It is significant that the CSO is now including stones down to one carat in its high-price-rise category; whereas November's move showed De Beers cashing in on strong demand from the De Beers's marketing world's super-rich, yesterday's action seems to show that wealth is finally starting to "trickle down" the social indder.

Luxnry goods are tradi-tionally among the last products to emerge from recession. Between March 1990, when prices were inother than Germany had Last November, De Beers creased 5.5 per cent, and Russia, the world shown strong growth so far froze the prices of cheaper February 1993, when they largest producer.

with no increases at all. In July last year, the CSO "rebalanced" its price list to reflect weaker demand for cheaper stones and stronger demand for heav-ier diamonds. This exacerbated tensions with the world's biggest diamond mine, Argyle, in Australia, which despite its size produces mainly smaller diamonds. Argyle walked out of the CSO last month. Yesterday's price rises

indicate renewed confidence in the industry following the deal cut in Peb- |C ruary between the CSO and

#### Quick £2m for mines chief

ICHARD BUDGE, chief executive of RJB Min-ing — the group which now owns most of Britain's coal mines — yesterday scooped more than £2 million when he sold a tenth of his stake in the group as part of a share buy-back scheme.

Mr Budge, who last year sarned more than £660,000. 90ld 399,689 shares at 551p each. Two years ago the com-pany paid £815 million for the bulk of British Coal The disclosure came as RJB

announced it was buying back 17.12 million of its shares - 10 per cent of the group's share capital - in a move costing it £95 million. The buy-back was immedi- | debts to its bankers.

ately attacked by Labour's Shadow Energy Minister, John Battle, who said the scheme was proof that the Government had "indersold" Britain's coal indistry.
"This is further proof that

the Conservatives have been motivated by a desperate at-tempt to get their hands on a short-term cash fix, whilst the interests of the taxpayer have been relegated to a mere afterthought," he said.

RJB bought all of British

Coal's deep-mined and opencast assets for £815 million when the industry was privatised two years ago.

However, the company's cash flow since then has been far better than anticipated and yesterday it announced it had repaid all outstanding

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#### **Tube points** failure brings a reward for Sainsbury shareholders

AVID Sainsbury (right) told shareholders who beat yesterday's London Tube strike to attend the company's annual general meeting that they had won an extra 500 points on their Reward Card accounts. writes Pauline Springett The supermarket group

launched the loyalty card two weeks ago, more than a year after its rival Tesco started its scheme. Mr Sainsbury, the chairman, said 3.5 million customers had registered for the card. The scheme was criti-cised by some shareholders who said it was unfair to smaller customers because a minimum of £5 had to be

Mr Sainsbury said 16 new supermarkets would open

spent before points were



# EU muscles in on BA deal

Julie Wolf in Brussels and Keith Harper

HE European Commission yesterday stirred up fresh trouble with the British government by insisting on its right to yet the proposed alliance between British Airways and Ameri-

Neil Kinnock, transport commissioner, and Karel Van Mert competition commissioner, have agreed to open an anti-trust investigation

tween European and Ameri-! ernments to scrutinise deals. can carriers, including the BA-American Airlines deal. after the 20 strong commission voted unanimously to

give them the go-ahead. The BA AA deal is already being reviewed by the Office of Fair Trading and US anti trust authorities. The OFT has made it clear that the alliance is a domestic issue and that the Government is unlikely to brook interference from Europe.

BA's chief executive, Bob Ayling, said he was untroud to intervene in the alliance bled by the news, but thought between BA and American, as

into whether the agreements break Ril competition rules by creating a dominant mar-

et position. Air Van Miert said the commission had no objection in principle to the transatlantic deals, but "there is no doub!" they restrict competition because the carriers involved agree to cooperate on the routes they share. Mr Van Miert and Mr Kin-

nock defended the EU's right

I even though the deals involve flights outside the EU. They said article 89 of the

EU's founding treaty gives the commission the power to investigate suspected breaches of European competition rules. The European Court of Justice in Luxem-bourg has already backed the use of this article in the airline sector, the commissioners said.

The UK has strongly op-posed the commission's drive to play a bigger role in transatlantic air transport relations, and was outvoted last

ministers agreed to give Mr ! line) commanies in Europe Kinnock a limited mandate for airline liberalisation talks with the US.

The commission's latest move is especially controversial as it could allow Brussel to muscle in on the 'Open Skies' negotiations between the US and Britain. This is because any conditions set by the commission are likely to involve issues covered by the open skies talks such as slots and access to routes.

In the case of BA and American Airlines, Mr Kinnock said the commission would aren't unfairly disadvantaged" because of the deal or any open skies agreement reached between the US and Britain

The investigation will extend to existing alliances be tween Luftbansa of Germany and United Airlines: Scandinavian Airline System and United Airlines; KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines and North-west Airlines; British Air-ways and US Air, and a venture including Swissair of Switzerland, Sabena of Belgium, Austrian Airlines and

### BR writes off £500m on Channel tunnel freight

Keith Harper Transport Editor

■HE taxpayer has been landed with a further bill for £500 million to offset freight business debts incurred by British Rall to pay for lose-making trips through the Channel tunnel

money over the next few years. BR's Railfreight Distribution (RFD) network, which is responsible for interna-tional business, lost £59 million last year on a turnover of 270 million

This sum has been agreed costs around £2,000 to send freight on the Dover-Calais with the Government by BR freight by rail from Manches route, and it had to pay

because it does not think rail | ter to Milan, but BR is sur | £20 million a year until 2006 | had made provision for losses freight can make much charged £600 for each freight wagon that goes through the tunnel.

BR's chairman, Welsby, said that rail freight tonnage through the tunnel was only half of that forecas 70 million. 10 years ago. In addition, it International rail freight faced severe competition cannot compete with road. It from ferry companies taking

to use the tunnel for freight

He said that BR had taken 'a long and serious look" at the prospects for Railfreight Distribution and had concluded that there was very lit-tie chance of the business recovering the financial

Taking this into account, Mr Welsby disclosed that it

of £300 million on the asset value of RFD along with a further £200 million on useage

BR's annual report, the final one in its present form, stresses: "The projections now indicate that BR's invest ment in Channel tunnel freight assets is unlikely to be recoverable." Clare Short, shadow trans-

port secretary, said:"This is another sickening sweetener to ensure that the industry is guilty of a staggering abuse and waste of funds with no

concern for the future of reight on rail." more investment was BR is down to a core of five urgently needed.

tive board members. By next April, it will have disap-peared almost completely into the private sector. Three quarters of the passenger net-work has still to be sold, but freight, Railtrack and BR's rolling stock operations have been transferred to the pri-

The greatest concern about the future of the industry is contained in the passenger statistics. Receipts have moved little over a year and ing expenses at 220.43 are double. BR's finance director. James Jerram, warned that

### Monarchy pays its way with big rise in profits

#### OUTLOOK/ Crown Estate hands over £95m, writes PAULINE SPRINGETT

HRISTOPHER Howes. fore the commercial property chief executive of the crash. Crown Estate, has two main messages. The first is that the profit from the estate more than pays for the monarchy. The second is that the estate is now being run with a professionalism to rival that of the biggest names on

the British property scene.
The estate produced an 11.5
per cent increase in profit to so a million for the year to the end of March. This is the sum it pays to the Exchequer. By contrast, the monarchy costs the country about 560 million a year, which comprises the 57.9 million cost of the civil list, plus the extra money needed for state visits and the upkeep of buildings.
Mr Howes, a former head of

the land and property div-ision at the Department of the Environment, has been chief executive of the Crown Estate since 1989. Since his arrival the profit level has risen steadily. Mr Howes is hopeful it will top £100 million during

the current year The Crown Estate is such a peculiar entity that its performance is hard to assess. It is the largest agricultural landlord in the UK with 300,000 acres of agricultural land in England, Scotland and Wales. it also owns a string of urban properties, including shopping centres, housing estates and office blocks. On top of that the estate has almost half the foreshore plus the seabed out to the 12-mile

Contrary to popular belief. the Crown Estate is not owned by the Queen herself. Instead — thanks to a deal struck in 1760 — the assets elong to reigning monarchs. and are managed by the Crown Estate Commissionrs. Their duty is to 'main tain and enhance the capital value of the Crown Estate and the income obtained from it". Air Howes, who also has the attaint title of second commis-

sioner, is big on the strategy needed to carry out these objectives. Poorer performing ally sold and better performing ones bought. The estate has also started property development again, something it put on hold in 1989 just be-

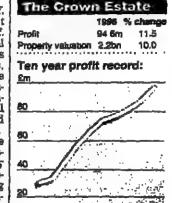
The jewel in the Crown Estate is Regent Street. Mr Howes recalls that when he took over as chief executive he walked along what is one of London's most famous and historically upmarket shopping streets. He was struck by its deterioration from its former glory — many shops were unlet and much refurbishment was needed Since then scaffolding has been an almost permanent feature, so intensive has the subsequent building work been, with

£100 million spent. The result is that only 3.8 per cent of the space in Regent Street is now empty. compared to 14 per cent in 1989, and the value of the street has increased by nearly 10 per cent in the past year alone to £510 million

One of the key elements of the revamp has been the pro-active approach the estate has taken to buying back leases which are due to expire at the end of the century That enables the buildings to be refurbished and relet at nigher rents.

The estate is also busy buying buildings adjacent to Regent Street in an attempt to have more control over the ambience of the area.

The final stage in the rehabilitation of Regent Street is now in Mr Howes's sights. The upshot, he hopes, will be "the greatest retail and commercial street in Europe"



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#### News in brief

#### Lower sales deepen troubles for Escom

TROUBLES at the computer retailer and manufacturer Escom deepened yesterday when the German-based company an-nounced that it was filing for protection from creditors after uncovering "significant losses" and suffering a shortfall in

rates.
The British subsidiary, which announced the closure of 65 stores on Mooday, indicated that it would continue in business. in a formal statement the UK board said: "Escom UK confirms that it will continue to trade, and that it has the full support of

Escom's German parent began insolvency proceedings after it discovered that losses would be as high as DM180 million—and not the DM125 million already announced. Talks with suppliers and banks have failed so far to stabilise the group's

#### Banks ease Wickes' plight

BANKERS to Wickes, the DIY group hit by accounting irregular ities last week, have agreed that the company can draw an additional £18 million in cash from its loan facilities. The company met its 11 banks on Tuesday to discuss the impact of a profit restatement expected to amount to £25 million when auditors

Arthur Andersen report next week. Meanwhile, Wickes reiterated that the misstatement did not affect its cash balances, and that there were no significant cash implications. Michael von Brentano, the company's recently appointed chairman, reported yesterday: "We have made it plain that the accounting issues which have been uncovered should not detract from the fact that our operating businesses are sound."

#### Reed links up for US deal

REED Elsevier and the Los Angeles-based Times Mirror Company have established a joint venture company to acquire Shepard's, one of the leading legal citation businesses in the US which made profits of about \$41 million last year. The move is expected to lead to a broad-based collaboration between the two companies in the US legal information market.

Reed Elsevier owns Lexis-Nexis, the world's largest provider of colline local next and Times Mirror extraction.

online legal news and Times Mirror controls Matthew Bender & Co which is a major legal publisher in America. The two groups already have a deal offering Matthew Bender publications on-line through the Lexis service. — Lisa Buckingham

#### Air France unions call strike

POUR unions at Air France Burope have called a 24-hour strike for today, an Air France spokeswoman said. Air France is due to unveil plans for rescuing the loss-making domestic and regional airline today amid union fears of a merger.

A joint union statement said that all Air France Europe work-

ers were being called out on a 34-hour strike to demand that decisions to close routes he reversed and merger plans be dropped immediately. Air France Europe pilots this week forced the group chairman. Christian Blanc, to scrap plans to launch a new European carrier in 1997 when they rejected contracts cutting pay by 15 per cent. — Reuter

#### Underside

#### Dan Atkinson

HE scandel at do-lt-yourself chain Wickes, caused largely by the lion catastrophe? approach to accounting, will have come as no surprise to readers of DIY Week. This publication has justifiably been blowing its own trumpet in recent days about an item in the Octo-ber 28 1994 issue that concluded: "I wonder if Wickes shareholders are aware that part of this year's profit is a contribution for sales anticipated through to 1996?"

Spot on, but given that DIY Week unearthed this bot story, why did it banish it to page 32?

O REST (well, not much anyway) for the Mastercard footie squad; hardly was Euro 96 out of the way than the plastic people's soccersponsorship experts were packed off for a fortnight's leave. On their return they are to head straight for Paris, to begin work on

IAT'S French for "Always look on the bright side of life"? The July-August issue of mous aero-giant — reports Europe's June 4 space-race fiasco thus: "After a fault-



less lift-off, the Ariane 501 planned trajectory and had to be destroyed. This setback . . . in no way compro-

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mises the programme."

A faultiess lift-off, eh?

What would it take for the revue to report a £500 mil-

REDITORS of the troubled Sunday Business newspaper, currently barred from de manding repayment by the fact that the title is in administration, will be delighted to learn that editor/ publisher Tom Rubython is guest of honour later today at a dinner to be held by the International Building Press. "The first issue of Sunday Business appeared on schedule on April 21" on schedule on April 21,"
reads the blurb, "despite a
preceding media blitz of
scare stories over its financial backing."
Aha, so the "scares"

Britisch jed

weren't true, then?

PRIDAY'S 50th birthday party for the Government's propaganda outfit, the Central Office of Information, may be a less than Gatsby-esque event, we hear. Hard-pressed COI staff — 33 per cent responded to a recent request for voluntary plank-walkers — were delighted to receive impressive printed receive impressive printed invitations from outgoing chief executive Mike Devercaller executive traine Dever-eau. One told us: "We as-sumed it was a small reward for 50 years' good work and a chance to let our hair down and say our goodbyes in many cases." News of the pay-bar did not go down well.

N THE topic of public enlightenment, one of our most respected spin-doctors recently found himself in conversation with a nurse. Resigned already to sharing the "PR" title with Proportional Representation (the everyone's a-winner voting system) and Pain Relief (the stuff rugby types spray on their calf muscles), he was alarmed to learn that, in angel circles, PR is an in-struction as to the conduit for medicines. Par Darkym for medicines: Per Rectum.

Racing

### Charnwood **Forest ducks** the Eclipse

Chris Hawkins

FIAAMIT is not among the 54 entries made yesterday for the Doncaster St Leger on September 14, confirming the low esteem in which the season's final Classic is now held.

The last Epsom Derby win-ner to run at Doncaster was Reference Point, who had no trouble in adding to his laurels when trotting up on Town Moor in 1987.

reis when frotting up on the Article's trainer, would like more give in the ground for his colt, while Alain de Royer-Dupre, who handles valanour, would not want distance of a mile and three-quarters might be thought to be stretching things for him, although his breeding on the dam's side is very struiter to dam's side is very similar to Reference Point, who had Reference Point, who had good to firm. Pentire is now 2-Habitat as his maternal- I favourite with the sponsors,

grandsire.
While conceding that connections of Shaamit would not be attracted by the Leger, course.

The poor performances of those behind him at Epsom should make not a jot of difference to his future. To throw in the towel now would be pathetic and Khalifa Dasmal, his owner, would run the

risk of vilification.
Mr Dasmal is not a big commercial owner, but he bred
Shaamit himself and still has Shaamit himself and still has the dam. There is every or the other on Saturday with reason, therefore, that he should give Shaamit the chance to prove his worth—at the moment there is not enough evidence to put a proper value on him.

Charnwood Forest has become the latest Coral Eclipse.

The dam. There is every or the other on Saturday with that tough front runner Bijon that tough front runner Bijon at the field and a strong finisher in Pentire.

Fivotal heads the weights with 10st 2lb in the Vodac Stewards' Cup at Goodwood August 3, but the King's Stand winner will not runner.

looked like being a cracking affair, is beginning to lose some of its gloss.

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8.50 HAYDOCK COMMERCIALS FOR SCAMA MAIDEN STAKES 370 74 30yds 64,000

9-20 SCANA 4-SENSES YENG OF THE BOAD' TROPHY (HARDICAP) 3YO 1m of 53,761

400-4 THE SWAM (37) J Dunice 9-7 Y Carron 2

400-5 DANCING GAVALERY (41) R Hobitushed 9-5 F Lynch (3) 5

1 D-050 CHARBING ADMIRAL (13) (8F) C Wall 9-1 W Book 2

4 SAND SEARCY (10) J Helitothe 9-4 B Thompson 4\*

6 000 GOLD LIRBING (40) E Abbon 8-5 Jone Wands (7) 1

perhaps scaring off the oppo-sition and Godolphin have de-cided not to pit Charnwood Forest against him in what would have been their colt's first attempt at a mile and a quarter. The York International is now seen as a more suitable race for the impressive Queen Appropriate their pressive Queen Appropriate their colt's first pressive Queen Appropriate their colt's first pressive Queen Appropriate their colt's first pressive their colt's first sive Queen Anne winner.

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There are also doubts about the Irish challenger Definite Article and the French hope Valanour. Dermot Weld, Definite Article's trainer, would

Sandown Park is currently who have cut last year's win-ner Halling to 3-1 second best. Halling's reputation stands considerably lower than at the end of last season, due to

disquiet seems to be growing the end of last season, due to about whether the colt will his poor performances on dirt again be seen on a race in the Breeders Cup at Belmont and in the Dubai World Cup, where he finished last behind Cigar, a race in wich Pentire was fourth.
Victory in the four-runner

Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp in May did something to restore Halling's stock, but there remains a question mark about whether he has to have things all his own way.

come the latest Coral Eclipse Stakes absentee and Satur-day's race, which at one time Mark Prescott, who also has



Rough landing . . . Jim Naylor, the stroke of the Sons of the Thames, is wheeled away after suffering an asthme attack at the end of a narrow Britannia defeat PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SILLTON

#### Eton boats on song as Canford heed wake-up call and Harrison finds the right beat

Christopher Bodd at Henley

TON lit up the Royal Regatta yesterday when they rowed down the Californiens from the Orange Coast who had led the Temple event for most of the way.

Their half-length victory came after a battle with cross winds which gave plenty of the cup is barred to student problems to the coxes and crews this year. The umpire

Diamond Sculls.

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There was also an ill wind blowing in the Thames Cup, where the Germans from Essen-Kupferdreh beat Upper Thames. The visitors are the German student champions, which brought a protest afterwards from Upper Thames as

objection to students rowing for club crews. All the selected (seeded)

crews survived in the Prin-cess Elizabeth, but the unse-lected Canford may turn out to be the sleeper. In a tight race with King's Canterbury they clocked 6min 48sec, the only crew to get under 7min before the tea break, to win

even more to the coxless disallowed the appeal and the boats in the Wyfold and the stewards said there was no their second boat and Thames narrowly beat the 17- has a great future. knocked the first boat of their old rivals Radley out by a length and a quarter.
The local school Shiplake,

> George is the former Beatle, set up a popular victory over Westminster. In the first round of the Diamond Sculls, the former ma-

coxed in fine voice by Danny Harrison, whose father

year-old Hungarian Peter Uj-helyi, who has been spon-sored to attend Bedford Modern School by his coun-

try's rowing federation. Ujhelyi could have made a fatal mistake in booking a flight home tomorrow before the third round. He made one mistake in the race, which was to leave his sprint finish

The stroke of the Sons of the Thames four, Jim Naylor, collapsed after losing to Isis by three feet in the Britannia, the closest finish of the day. Naylor and the Sons' No. 2

Nick Corbett both suffer from asthma. "We take collapses in turns," Corbett said. "It was me at the National Champion ships last year."

#### Yarmouth runners and riders with form

4,00 Block

2.00 FRED ARRESTRONG KANDICAP OF ESSET

65-4127 FARIAWAY LASS (7) (795-41) (D) Lord Hugging 000-500 SUPPER PARK (16) (D) J PERISS 45-40 545-44 RED ADMIRAL (4) (CD) C Morry 5-6-10 30-5545 SHOW FALCON (19) M Bof 8-6-4 8 \$10513 CHEECY CHAPPY (3) (7th ed) (0) D Chapman 5-9-0 6 \$-0160: JUDGESSET CALL (12) (3) (0) P Horizing 9-8-13 7 4013-0 CHRESTAR FLIGHT (16) (0) S Soling 7-4-1 70P PORE TEPS: Farming Led 2, Space Falcon 7, Checky Chappy 8

Battings 5-4 Faravay Less: 7-2 Cheeky Chappy: 5-1 Seow Faton, 6-1 Red Adminst, 10-1 Judgeme. 12-1 Super Perk, 14-1 Christian Filipit. 2 ma FORM GUIDE - FARAWAY LASC: 5-1 (av., headwry \$1 aut. led 21 aet, ran on well, won Salisbury 81 incp of.

2.30 DIRECTOR SELLING STARSE STO OF CL. 201 63 SENATE SWEKOS (12) W Mur 8-11 4 YECTORY AT HART (22) | Campbell 8-17 E0324 CAYLAR AND CARBY (13) (167) II Congress 8 II GEOVETAUR MARDEN (43) B Mostron 8-8 ? RETOTO (16) B McHaib & 6

Setting: 2-1 Reson, 3-1 Certar And Capriy, ?-2 Seems Serings, 6-7 Sternzenminz, 5-1 Grovelair Melde 13-1 Victory At Hart. FORM GASDE - REPORTO Headway St etc. Lept on well, no extra, 2nd of 10, 228 belond Docklands Corniage
(Thirth of poll acts got.

SEMATE SERVICE Cassed leaders, rac on one pace final turions, 2nd of 5, 259-belond Tinker's Surprise
(Goodwood St sett stor got; GAVIAR AND CANDY: 8-4 fev, sto leaders, every chance 2f ost, westerned over
the of the Non-2h (1804, 4th (180 3)). SHARAZABATAB Outspeck, 8th of 10, 10! behind Eye Shedow (Notingham 513) meln aust situ gi).

1 20728 SEALESTON ABBY (5) (2) M Johnson 7-6-3 21-250 MOMBARSEN (13) (5) E Durido 5-9-0 310-02 SELECT EXPRESSION (6) (2) M Modern 6-6-8 3 510-02 SELECT EXPRESSION (6) (2) D Lode 3-6-5 4 4-11 CORRIGER SHOW (135) (5) D Lode 3-6-5 5 11-02 SEALESTON (40) CD) N Coll 3-6-6 5 11-02 SEALESTON (40) CD) N Coll 3-6-6 7 41110-0 MAWWAL (77) (D) R American 3-6-5 7 COP POSE TIPE: Carelein Seales 6, Bremiton Abby 7 Bettings 9-4 Braceton Abby, 3-4 Comien Scow, 5-1 Bright Eighth, 14-1 Stlent Expression.

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APRIL THE ERAFTIN Chassel leaders for side over 4, 10th of 17, 35 behind Arrat (Royal Ascol 6 Crp 3 gr).

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Dering Desting (Newmarkel 6) stick gi).

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02-365 PRESS PRINT DAEX (14) P Moore 4-9-6
001000- BUPPYTLIK (14) P ADD Jones 4-9-1
544-0 RUMBA RIVTHER (13) R ATHERIOR 3-0-0
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\_R Hughes 7

\_B Day 4

\_E Hille 5

Bettings 5-2 Happy, 11-4 Zelda Zonk, 7-2 Rumbe Rhythm, 8-1 Palsy Grimes, 8-1 Preen Fruit Daily, 10-College Night, 20-1 Euphylls. College Alght. 20-1 Euphydia.

7 repears.

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im, beabng Assbra 28, 10 ran.

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|   | ENSPHYLLIA: Chased Remert to 3 Car. Salar lin city sits. (ANT) std).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| • | 4.00 CATFIELD CLAMBING STAKES 1m 52,871  1 04221 PERBLOUS PLORIT (19) (7) W Mrit 5-4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|   | POWER GUIDE - BLOCKADE: Led over 51, rat on one page, 3rd of 6, 120 behind Mooument (Salisbury Im<br>CUT-1855 51).<br>57AR AND GARTIER Prominent 61, leded, 8th of 12, 151 behind Alexanteriak (Kampton 71 hop gil.<br>57AR AND GARTIER Prominent 61, led will over 11 out, rat on, won Massasburgh the circ site of<br>PERMOUS PLACETT 8-13 tay, prominent, led will over 11 out, rat on, won Massasburgh the circ site of<br>PERMOUS PLACETT. 8-13 tay. |

| ACTION JACKSON: Promisent recent over Windson Imp? self side gif.                                                                                                                                               | 1.0                        |
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| 4 (22) QASEDA (15) C British 3-3-11<br>3 SEREMUS (28) Lord Humangdon 3-3-11<br>5 AFE VIELMEZ (23) R Queet 3-5-11                                                                                                | A Barboul 3                |
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|     | 280-200                      | BELLAS GATE BOY (26) J Pearce 4-70-12                    |                   | . : |  |  |
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|     | III0001                      | 1 SQUARED AWAY (12) J Payne 4-9-15                       |                   | 1   |  |  |
|     | 50000-0                      | DOCKLANDS COURSER (7) 8 Mettern 4-8-10                   | V Moreball (5) 1  | 1   |  |  |
| 7   | 081338                       | PRINCELY AFFAIR (5) (CD) (RF) H Bull 3-0-4               |                   |     |  |  |
|     | 320082                       | 2 DON'T DROP #06685 (6) (D) D Thom 7-5-0                 | Mes J Polidon \$* | •   |  |  |
| •   | . 500200                     | HEVER COLF PRANCING (40) T Naughton 3-8-9                |                   |     |  |  |
| ~   | Division Time                | C. Bulley Cate, Barr S. Alaba, T. Harry Call Cleaners C. |                   |     |  |  |

lettings 3-1 Princely After, 7-2 Squared Awty, 4-1 Roman Reel, 5-1 Bolian Gaze Boy, 6-1 Don't Orop tambs, 13-1 After, 14-1 Hever Golf Disserted.

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#### Ayr tonight

8.35 Tarm 7.35 Depart Froils

6.35 REP OCHETHEE MADER STAKES BYO 77 CLASS SBAVE ACT W Prescott 9-0
2 SRAVE SONTICOSSESS (12) Aries I. Perred 9-0
SERSISSEE MAS GRY Kollewsy 9-0
PALDOST M Harmond 9-0
20204 CANTESAY SONT (17) R McKelstr 8-9
0 MOMO KOMO KEPHERS (36) J Berry 8-9

Setalog: 8-4 Brave Act, 7-2 Maskeer, 4-1 Brave Mostgomerie, \$-1 Pektost, 8-1 Hong Kong Exprese, 16-1 Contemporer,

222-001 CRAMMARIN (7) (8th etd.) J Berry 9-3
13-00 DUG MASTER (85) Mrs M Paveley 9-7
(500 LAZALI (877) E Dunkey 9-7
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(500 POLISH SABA (25) M Johnston 8-18
100-900 POLISH SABA (25) M Dods 8-2
10012 MAPOLEON'S RETURN (7) (7) (8) (87) A Har
100334 ORIGUE (13) N Tedex 7-11
334650 APPRITTE (22) M Sycraf 7-10 8 00050 ROCKY STREAM (LS) R Whitsher 7-10 10 004080 AYE READY (10) Mass L Perret 7-10 YOP POREN 17PS: Oxiole S, Sheedning 7, Creigneins 6

fettings 3-7 Negotieon's Return, 7-2 Craignatins, 4-7 Shortelina, 6-1 Lazalil, 8-1 Dus Master, 10-7 Oriole Indias Stream 7.35 SCAMA 1906 TRUCK OF THE YEAR TROPHY (HAMPICAP) I'm SF 13744 DA, 182 

TOP PORM TH'S: Deport Frails S, Home Counties ? 6 00 8.05 RELIABLE VEHICLES FOR SCANIA GLARGING STAKES 3YO to 21 12,827 

Baidings 5-4 Society Girl, 3-1 Stant Guant, 8-2 Vestica Lady, 8-1 Table For A Glass, 10-1 Another Poss, 12-1 Title Octobrilow. 8,35 LOGARISMEL MAIDER STAXES IN CASSIS

TOP ROUNT TIPE: Tarment 10. Mobartz S. Knotty HM 7 Bettings 8-4 Tarneem, 7-4 Muteriz, 8-1 Sebrak, 8-1 Senced Semation, 12-1 Knoby Hill, 25-1 Nordic Gift Respective. 9.05 SCANA 4-SERVES YERO OF THE ROAD' TROPHY (HANDICAP) SE \$2,112

812000 AMBOOM (8) (C) (D) 3 Berry 9-9-7
9-00052 SILL COTTAGE (6) R Whithair 4-5-13
900053 RICH GLOW (7) (C5) N Berrot 5-8-12
9-0005 RICH GLOW (7) (C5) N Berrot 5-8-12
9-0005 RIVER GARMOCK (17) (C) D Nicholis 4-5-5
90000 AMOSTHAR BERSTMARKE (2) (D) R Nicholis 4-7-10
90000 BLUE LIBOANA (5) N Berrot 4-7-10 (a) (ca) x space 7-4. DEK (17) (6) D Nichola 4-8-5 PITIMITE (2) (D) FI McKetler 4-7-10 Butting: 13-4 Averan, 4-1 Aven Gepar 5-1 See Cattage, 8-1 Rhystone Clancer Nagriculars.

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2,45 TURRENC HARRICAP IN TI 17794 C5,286 201 B0-503 CHT/HRDAT KID (35) J Ethell 8-94 H Reveley 8-9-11 .

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204 10045 HOTA (12) (0) J L Harris 7-9-0 .

205 06831 GREAT GRATION (17) (CD) F Walson 7-8-12 .

206 34-000 KASHASIA (45) W Strong 4-9-11 .

207 E070 MINEST BIRE (20) May 4 Acroley 4-8-11 . THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O

3.15 SECREE WASHINGTON PATING RELATED MAJORN STAKES 5YO 1m M 178-000 PARROTTS HELL (81) M Torquians B-0 800-83 WHAT JIM WARTS (87) J O'NeW S-0 03-005 ATEMICA (84) S Williams 8-11 5-02322 OMEY GALAYA (8) B Hills 6-11 00-62 PERFECT GEFT (84) P Cole 8-11

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402 20-65 COMBC FANTASY (AUS) (12) Marin Wane 9-7
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404 0-5002 CHELL AD (13) (3) F Evens 8-13
405 015-35 YOUNG PREDERICK (12) (3F) T Michalla 9-13
406 015-355 YOUNG PREDERICK (12) (3F) T Easterly 6-1
407 4020 MILLS BANY (12) Eyre 8-2
408 20043 SALVET WELDONE (7) (3) T Easterly 8-1
409 005 RECARTON (27) F Calvet 7-10
410 33-001 MED'S CONTESSA (10) (6% ex) (2) M Dods 7-13
TOP FORE TES Oriel Led 8, Riccarden 7, Mark Baby 8
Bettless 7-2 Oriel Led 4-1 Kryotth May 8-2 Blessed Sorth 6-1 Weist Sa Settings 7-2 Oriol Lad, 4-1 Krystel Max, 9-2 Blessed Spirri, 6-1 Meis Baby, 8-1 Comic Famesy, Nico D-1 Med's Contessa, Silver Wolcome.

4.15 BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL LIBETED STAKES TO CO. ST. 

4.45 BOSTON TEA PARTY HANDICAP 3YO SI 212546 \$3,444 BO-NO DESIGN TEA PARTY MANDEAU 370 St 218yds C1/ BO-NO DESIGN LYNX (40) (D) T Weston B-7 B-85050. NO BIOMICHY MUTS (14) (D) J Barry B-5 680056 HOM BIANESTIC (13) Marry Ware 9-4 D02002 RAMESEY HOPE (7) (D) C Fariman 9-4 D0-075 MISTIER HORE, (12) (C) (RF) M W Easterby 8-13 J Correll 8 J Fortune 11 to M Kennedy 8 to Dale Glines 10 to S Whitmerth 5

905 10-605 NESTER JOSE (12) (C) (NF) M W EXSERTY 8-13
609 PLAY THE THEM (28) K Surke 5-11.
607 140-000 BEZ MEALTH BOY (36) (D) M W EXSERTY 8-8
608 255034 NARIHO STRIET (1) P EVENT 8-8
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611 50-554 JERSEN (NEST NORM (142) R Spect 6-0
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Blinkered today for the first time: AYR; 8.05 Veshca Lady, Silent Guest; 8.05 Nordisk Legand, River Gemock, CATTERICE; 2.15 Where's Wally; 4.15 Bergash, BAYDOCE: 8.20 Figs Pen, Tiler. YARMOUTH: 2.00 Christian Flight; 2.30 Grovefair Malden; 3.30 College Night.

#### Results

CATTERICK 2.20 (90: 1, BLUE BOMBER, J Fortune (2-1 lav); 2, Sense of Priority (4-1); 2, Best Kapt Seoret (7-1), 9 ran, 13, 18. (7 Barron) Tota: 22.40; 21.80, 21.80, 27.20. Deal F: 25.60, Trior 211.30, CSF: (9.81, 2.86 (7F); 2, BOLLIND DOROTHY, M Birch (10-4); 2, Cree Sense (25-1); 3, Divine (10-4) Favi. 8 rah. 2, 2, (7 Easterby) Tota: 12.80; CT-40, 63.20, 21.00, Dual F: 32.80, Trio: 215.90, CSF: 229.33, Nft: No Problem Jac.

3.20 (1m 4f): 1, PHARLY DANCER, Newton (5-2): 2. Nithraic (6-1): 3. Note region (5-2); 2, annual (5-1); 3, access hindre (5-1), 2-1 fav Cross Talk. 11 ran. 5, hd. (W Heigh) Tole 53.60, 51.60, 52.20, 52.40. Dual F. \$16.80. Trio: \$83.10. CSF: \$23.98, NR: North Ardar, Rave-On-Hadley.

JACKPOT: \$1,394.80.

PLACEPOT: 223.30. QUADPOT: 210.60. **FOLKESTONE** 2.30 (77): 1, MEN HARRIER, T Sorate (7-2): 2, Song Mist (4-1); 3, Dayville (3-1 tav), 11 ran. Sh hd, 7, (J Dunlop) Tota: 23.80; 21.20, 71.30, 51.80, Dual F: 16.40, Trio; 13.50, CSF: £17.27.

CSF: EY/27.

3.00 (Tf) 1, STAR OF QOLD, Paul Eddery (6-1); 2, Sapphire Son (7-1); 3, Robblyad (6-1); 10-3 kev Mr Cube; 11 ray, 25, 1, (C Egerion) Tote: £11.00; £3.10; £1.90, £2.20, Dual F: £16.50. Trice £49.60. CSF: £46.03. Tricest £316.84. Duai P. E16.80. Trio: 283.10. CSP: 223.99. NP: North Ardar, Rave-On-Hadley.

3.90 (37): 1, NIMETY-FIVE, K Fallon (9-4): 2, Chine Hand (8-1): 3, Double (15-8 lay): 2, Windhorn (2-1): 3, Emsure: 51.90; 21.10, 22.10, Duai P. 23.03. CSP: 28.85. NR: Swan A! Whalley withdrawn, rule 4 deduction 30p.

4.20 (77): 1, CRATE TIMES, K Fallon (8-1): 3, Emsure: 51.90; 21.10, CSP: 21.20. CSP

4.50 (1m 4f): 1, ETTERBY PARK, J | (J Dunico) Tota: E8.20; E3.00, £1.20, £3.30. | 4.10 (2m 1f Ch): 1, RMOSSIJ RAY, P Wesver (4-1); 2, Champagne Warrier | Dual F. £16.50, Tric; £35.20, CSF. £26.94. | Alboids of Para, 6, 25, (M Johaston) Tota: | 5.00 (1m 2f): 1, PSTOL, Paul Eddery (4-1); 2, South Eastern Fred (14-1); 3, CSF. £47.65, Tricsst £199.10. | CSF. £47.65, Tricsst £199.10. Dual F. 116.80. Tric; 235.20. CSF. 228.94. Tricast: 1234.43. 5.00 (1m 20: 1, PESTOL, Paul Eddery (4-1); 2, South Eastern Fred (14-1); 3. Section Eastern Easte

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MARKET RASEN 2.16 (2m 5f Mdlo): 1, RED JAM JAR, 6 Cabill (11-1); 2, Morth Bambister (11-4 fav): 3, Transide (9-1). 10 ran. 27, 9. (5 Bell) Tota: \$11.50; \$2.20, \$1.40, \$2.50, Dual P. \$11.50, Tric: \$135.10, \$68P. \$41.94, Tricast: \$27.53;

C11.60. Trio: £185.10. CSF: £41.94. Tricast £274.52; 2.40 (3m 11 Gh)s 1, MANOR RHYME, B Powel (8-1); 2. Davingly (8-1 fav); 3, Sandtanseer Bay (1-1). 10 ran. 35. 27. () McConnochie) Tois: £10.20; £1.80; £1.40. £24.0. Dual F: £12.90. fric: £97.00. CSF: £28.05. Tricast £242.39. 3.10 (2m 4f Ch)a 1, HOPEDEC SUM, M Dayer (1-2); 3, Chemonal Punthan (7-2 fav); 3, Ethnacisek (8-1), 5 ran. 7, ½ (1. Lloyd-jurne) Tois: £7.60; £3.10. CSF: £23.78. Tricast £130.74. 2.590. (2m 17 Melley 1, EPHARESTO R Durwocky (5-2).579; 2, Sen £64.0-1), 3, Bly Fleethest £20-71, 5-2 julys Pickars. 15 ran. 17, ½ (1. Ulwhish Tois: £4.70; £1.80. £1.40. £5.90. Dual F. £10.50. Trio: £82.0. CSF: £20.0. NF- Lastopy.

Osborne (7-2); 2, Clean Edge (2-1); 3, Political Panto (2-1 tay), 9 ran, 5, 9, (K Bailey) Tote: E4.90; 12.50, E4.20, Dual F: £15.20. Trio: £30.90, CSF: £34.42. PLACEPOTI E35.30. QUADPOTI E18.40.

Tim Sprake rode a treble for the first time at Folkestone yesterday siter 13 years in the saidle. Was on Hen Harrier and Minnisarn for John Dunlop and Hall Hop Varoom for Dick Hern returned combined odds of 100-1.



### Saints turn to Souness steel

Russell Thomas

rial change swept into British football yesterday when Southampton entrusted a difficult Premierhip future to the Scot's brand of leadership.

Souness, installed in time for a hastily convened midday claimed he was returning a wiser and calmer manager Tve mellowed a lot" - but Southampton's staff can brace themselves for a demanding style of management In return for a three-year

contract worth £500,000. Souness will demand that the players perform to their potential. "That is one of the qualities I will be bringing to this club — trying to get the best out of the people who are

That message will not be lost on Matthew Le Tissier. But Le Tissier, mishandled talent or classic underachiever, depending on view point, can benefit in realising his greatest ambition, insisted

his new manager.
"Le Tissier is the most tal-ented footballer in Britain," said Souness, "and if he is honest with himself he knows he could do more than he did last season. I want to get more out of him and I want to get him back where he belongs — that's back in the England

But this player's distinctive talents will be sympatheti-cally accommodated within the Souness framework. "With someone of Matthew's ability in your side, you've always got a chance of winning any match. He is a very special talent and he must be treated in a special way. I That's what I aim to carry on think that everyone at the club appreciates that even



'Le Tissier is the most talented footballer in Britain and if he is honest he knows he could do more than he did last season'

Souness conceded that Southampton was an unlikely port of call, even though he had expressed an interest in a new start in English football after being sacked after one season in Turkey with Galatasaray.

At Southampton, he said, "it will be very different from anything else I have been used to. The club is smaller than Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers but I can always remember as a player and as a manager that I never used to

on the last day of the season. But Souness was rapidly per-suaded by the club's director of football Lawrie McMenemy. "It took me only five minutes in Lawrie's company to convince me about taking the job. He is passionate about the game, and so am L" McMenemy returned the compliment. "Graeme was the

first and only man we interviewed for this job. The players report back for training on Monday and we felt it was important to appoint someone who everyone respects players and fans alike."

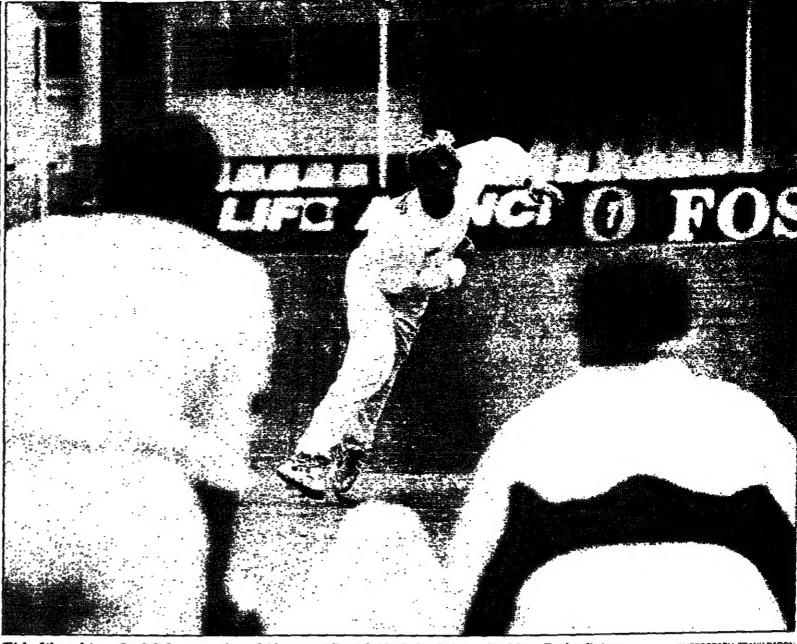
Souness played down the inequity of spending power in the Premiership; nevertheess this will be an intriguing million wheeler-dealing at Liverpool, he will have an initial 53 million to spend at Southampton.
An examination of his man

agement ability, too. An uncompromising, abrasive approach upset many senior players at Liverpool, quite apart from his abandonment of several Antield traditions before he left early in 1994. But the 43-year-old Souness said: "I'm definitely a differ-

was last time in England, I am more experienced and I think I am less excitable than I was maybe five years ago. Maybe I am prepared to listen to other people more than I have ever done.

"Don't forget I was very young when I first became a manager with Rangers. I think I am a better manager now, but, of course, only time will tell."

After George Graham scorped Southampton's interest. Souness emerged as first like coming here much, choice, ahead of two other Scots, Joe Jordan and Lou Macari, for the post vacated Southampton safeguarded when Dave Merrington was their Premiership place only sacked three weeks ago.



Flick of the wrist  $\dots$  Ian Salisbury goes through his paces at Trent Bridge before being omitted from England's team

## Atherton plays forward to leggie

Mike Selvey at Trent Bridge on why lan Salisbury was deemed surplus to requirements for the third Test against India starting today

HE Hyde Park old Test matches in four years, farts concert last taking just 16 wickets: Narenweekend was proba-bly not the place for fresh-faced young Sussex lads who do not list nostalgia trips in their Who's Who recrea-tion entry, so it is unlikely that Ian Salisbury was there to hear whether or not Bob Dylan chanted Subterranean Homesick Blues down his nasal passages. But Salisbury, a surprise call-up to the England squad for the third Test, did not need a weather man to know which way the wind blew vesterday.

A quick glance out of his Nottingham hotel window first thing would have told him all he needed to know: low scudding gun-metal clouds and driving rain are bility and is in no position to not a precursor to the sort of run before it can walk prop-Yesterday Chelsea's manage club record £2.5 million from because I thought I would biscuit-dry conditions a leg-erly again, ing director Colin Hutchinson Strasbourg. "I want to win learn most here from the spinner craves. An early He was rebreakfast, a farewell to the this Test, prompting the ques-lads, and he was in his car tion of whether his journey heading south for the start of was really necessary. The Sussex's game at Arundel.

dra Hirwani, India's secondstring leggie, managed as many on his debut. The wick-ets have cost Salisbury almost 60 runs apiece, which just about qualifies him to polish Shane Warne's stepping-out shoes. Yet his recall came not on

the back of a marcellous run for his county but with just 13 first-class wickets — eight in one match — behind him. He is capable of producing a dev-astating delivery but, like be-luga caviare, his bowling overall is an expensive luxury and one that at present can be ill-afforded in an Eng-land side that has been painstakingly restoring its credi-

meakfast, a farewell to the ads, and he was in his car ition of whether his journey needing south for the start of Susser's game at Arundel.

Salisbury has played seven in the was never going to play this Test, prompting the question this morn need one and, in a threadbare ting — apart maybe from the start of susser's game at Arundel.

Was really necessary. The answer, of course, is yes, if leg-spinner. The pitch showed should play the batsman who caricketers are to receive any increal sign of wear over five bowls a bit, Ronnie Irani, or

Finger-spinners, as Mike Atherion pointed out yesterday, have not generally won Test matches in recent years. If anyone knocks the pacemen from their perch, it is the wristy twiddlers: Warne, Kumble, Mushtaq, young Ad-ams, and before that the likes of Abdul Qadir and Hirwani. But the purveyors of this most difficult of arts have to be extremely good if they are not to be a maverick adjunct to a more reliable finger-spin-ner, and Salisbury, at 26, is not close to that standard.

Give him a couple of years though, with the right en-couragement, and he very well might be; to that end England are not going to let him slip away despondent. To ever going to play one spin-ner. Min Patel was first choice at the start of the eries and has done nothing wrong and now it's up to him to do well and try and stay in land one up and requiring only a draw. Irani would still

and we are looking to him to be part of the scene. Atherton said that hindsight did not make him regret fielding a full hand of seamers at Lord's. "It leaves fewer options for the captain, but I was happy with the make-up of the team and I don't believe that, apart from the over rate.

*knows* he's our leg-spinner

a spinner would have made much difference." Given that despite the lack of assistance from the pitch Mike Watkinson and Richard Illingworth bowled more than half England's overs against West Indies here last year. Pacompete effectively in all con-ditions, it looks like they will the only decision this morn-

days last year and the likli- the bowler who bats a bit, hood was that we were only Mark Ealham. Atherton is aware of the dangers of trying to sit on a with just trying to close the match down. But with Eng-

think it is important that he seem the likeliest option. India meanwhile, having over the medium to long term discovered, perhaps, the path to the future at Lord's, will persist with Mongia as an opener with Rathore, omit Jaleja and continue to leave out Manjrekar, who turned his ankle in the first Test and watched, glumly no doubt, in the second as Ganguly and Dravid knocked holes in his personal ambition. They have

also left out Mhambrey, introducing instead another seamer, Ankola, and in a five-man attack that leaves a crocodile's tail will choose this morning between Raju's leftarm spin and Hirwani's legspin to complete things.

Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, R C Irani, M A Eatham, R C Russedt, C C Lewis, D G Cook, M M Patel, A D Multally SEDSA intent V S Rathere N R Monga, S C Ganguly S R Tendulkar, M Azharuddur (copt), R S Dravid, A Kumple, J Smath S A Ankola, S K V Pracud, N D Hirwani S L V Raju, S V Mangrekar.

### Chelsea chase Di Matteo as Leeds lasso Bowyer

Mark Redding

HELSEA are attempting to flout their own traditions by snapping up a Serie A player under the age of 30.

The Blues have set their

sights on Roberto di Matteo, who played for Italy in the European Championship. terms with the Lazio cause I've never won any-Di Matteo, 26, would join

the recent signing Gianluca Vialli (31) and last year's capture and now player-manager from third to fifth in the latest Rund Gullit (33) among the Fifa rankings, while Eng-Italian league old boys at land's domestic heroics have Stamford Bridge.

"We've had preliminary discussions with Di Matteo and will see what develops," Hutchinson said. "It was a very

teo played in Italy's first and last games in Euro 96, but was one of the five players disas-

vening defeat by the Czech Meanwhile Chelsea sealed the purchase yesterday of Luton to Arsenal in 1985. France's Frank Leboeuf for a "I decided to come to Leeds travelled to Rome to talk everything at Chelsea be-

> thing in France," the defender said. Italy's premature exit from Euro 96 has dropped them from third to fifth in the latest



lan Ross on the Czech midfielder's decision to join the Double winners in £3.6 million deal

AREL POBORSKY last night agreed to join Manchester United. The £3.6 million transfer of about a proposed £1.6 mil-

Di Matteo . . . robust Italian Thatcher . . . uncut diamond of revenue"

The £3.6 million transfer of

the gifted Czech Republic midfielder from Slavia

Prague will be formally completed in Switzerland at the weekend.

After a series of outstand-

ing performances in the

finals, the 24-year-old Po-borsky chose Manchester United ahead of a number

of other clubs, including

United manager Alex Ferguson yesterday evening to

say he wished to play in the

Ferguson will take his spending to £5 million later today when the Norwegian international central defeated.

fender Ronnie Johnsen,

who plays for Besiktas, arrives from Turkey to complete a £1.5 million transfer.

A second Norwegian in-ternational, the striker Ole anywhere."

Poborsky telephoned the



Poborsky United bound

lion move to Old Trafford.

Meanwhile Ferguson was continuing his dogged pursuit of Alan Shearer, revealing that he had tabled a third bid for the

Blackburn Rovers and Eng-

have made another in-

quiry. The ball is firmly in Blackburn's court." Black-

burn's response has been to

issue another statement of

their intention to hold on to

Shearer. Blackburn's chairman

Robert Coar said: "We have had an inquiry from Man-chester United but have told them that Alan

Shearer is simply not for

sale." More significantly
Jack Walker, the power
behind Rovers, has said:
"There is no way Alan

land centre-forward. Ferguson, on holiday in Malta, told reporters: "We

interesting trip and Di Matteo | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy." | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy. | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy. | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy. | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy. | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-is a very switched-on guy. | Charlton midfielder Lee Bow-lee Bow £20 million deal by the Cas-pian group this week, will pay £2.6 million for the England trously left out for the inter-Under-21 player. The fee breaks the British record of £2.5 million for a teenager that took John Hartson from

manager, the players, the coach and all the facilities they have," Bowyer said. His Under-21 team-mate Ben

Thatcher has signed for Wimbledon from Millwall for about £2 million. "He's an uncut diamond, but we'll turn him into a polished gem," promised their owner Sam Hammam.

However, the Dons' hopes of taking Steve Lomas from Manchester City for £1.75 million were dashed when the midfielder declined to move.

Sheffield Wednesday are trailing the Rotherham goal-keeper Matt Clarke, who is valued at around £300,000, while their neighbours Shef-field United have agreed a fee of £500,000 for the Stoke leftback Lee Sandford. The Blades hope to appoint Chelsea's Nigel Spackman as player-coach or assistant manager to Howard Kendali.

The Premier League is being pressed by the First Division clubs for urgent talks over the administration of the game and what they de-scribed as the "maximisation

Shearer, who will be 26 next month, has also spoken saying: "My relationship with Jack

Walker is as strong as it al-ways has been. He has per-

Blackburn want to buy

players not sell them." Derby County are to

make a £1.5 million bid for

Norwich City's winger Keith O'Neill. Jim Smith was impressed by O'Neill when he saw him play for the Republic of Ireland

against Croatia. County's

match to check on his new Croatian signing, the mid-fielder Aljosa Asanovic.

"I have asked Norwich about him and they've told me he's under contract, but

I'm going back with an im-proved offer," said Smith.

Reading on a free transfer. The 32-year-old Welsh in-

ternational defender was

is said: let go by Swindon Town in y Alan May after helping Steve going McMahon's team win the

Second Division title.

Paul Bodin has joined

Tour match: Somerset v Pakistanis

### Fluent Anwar takes early Shine off

David Foot at Taumton

IFTY years ago this month the Indians came here and were bowled out before lunch for 64. It was to be an historic imnings win by the county against the

tourists' finest and is still reg-ularly quoted by those that say they were there.

Yesterday, when Pakistan arrived, the ball did not swing as once it did for Bill Andrews (in a pair of borrowed boots) and Bertie Buse. Instead, there was consummate batting, from Saeed Anwar in

The opener had come across the bridge from Pontypridd, where on Sunday he scored an undefeated double hundred. Against Somerset,

as he went for an exaggerated | with minimal respect. Cad-drive. | with minimal respect. Cad-drive. | nings and the announcement that Somerset have launched Cosy in his long-sleeved

sweater, overtly hungry for runs, the left-hander repeat-edly penetrated the populated off-side field or rolled those dextrous wrists for perfectly executed clips wide of mid-

The miscellany of goodlooking strokes compensated for any rain delay. Anwar's century had come in under three hours with his least assured boundary, one of 21 in total. The stand of 157 with Asif Mujtaba had offset the loss of two early wickets, both to Kevin Shine.

Pakistan, put in by Somer-set, suffered an unlikely reverse in the eventful opening over, during which Shine bowled two wides before havhundred. Against Somerset, after another exquisite demonstration of fluent batsman ship, aesthetically pleasing in the best Asian tradition, he was eventually bowled for 130 bowled two wides before have after than any signt to the lattractive opposition. Play attractive opposition. Play attractive opposition. Play and a structive opposition and a structive opposition. Play and a structive opposition an

all missing with minor injuries. That meant a recall for Andre van Troost, the bean-pole quickie, left out after the opening championship match of the season.

Shane Lee got the new ball ahead of him, though reward did not come till late afternoon. Then the Australian took out Anwar's off stump, had a slightly casual Inza-mam-ul-Haq well held by Turner and put an end to Asif Mujtaba's typically conscien-tious half-century.

Eight thousand spectators saw the Indians in 1946; you could count them more easily in hundreds yesterday, a reflection on the changing at-titudes and bad weather rather than any slight to the

their own cricket academy. The first six students, aged 16, have been chosen to attend a rigorous two-year course and those of them that watched yesterday were offered some timely role models from the

Giddins and Paul Jarvis took two wickets apiece as Hamp-shire slumped to 82 for four from 37 overs on a rain-dis-rupted first day of the championship match at Arundel · Will Kendall steered Oxford to a Varsity match re-cord total of 513 for six declared at Lord's. The middle-order batsman took his overnight score from 79 to 145 not out. Cambridge were 164 for three at the close.

Scoreboard

County Championship

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The Sussex fast bowlers Ed

Tour matches (First day of three; loday: 11.0)

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sonally telephoned me to say there had been interest Golf from other clubs but that he has rejected their inqui-ries. He has told me that

#### Torrance curses Druids and weakened links with past

David Davies in Dublin

OR the sixth successive year the Irish Open has turned its back on its own traditions and will be played on an inland course, full of

Americana. After two years of Killarney and three of Mount Juliet near Kilkenny, the event, sponsored by Murphy's Stout, moves to Druids Glen, only some 20 minutes south of Dublin but a world away from the linksland courses that

made Irish golf famous. Druids Glen is a fabulous, and luxurious, place to play. It cost the better part of £10 million to build and one hole. which required half a hill to lovely stone bridges to be

built across a river, ran up a bill of £500,000. The designer, Pat Ruddy, worrying about the cost, consulted the owner rough around the greens and it gives the first to the course and it gives your than to be some being too for "Your promised me."

built across a river, ran up a bing champion, was scornful of the way Druids Glen was set the way Druids Glen was set the rough this week there are certain to be some bigh scores and despite the course and it gives your life. Pat Ruddy, worrying about the cost, consulted the owner as to whether things were go-ing too far. "You promised me greatness," he was told. "Give it to me."

That particular bole, the 13th, like the remainder of greatness, but it will not be of the type that we have come to know and love in places such as Royal County Down, Royal Portrush, Royal Dublin and

hosts, with Portmarnock having it no less than 18 times over the previous 60 years. These were, and are, supreme tests of links play, the kind of golf that determines Open

the course and it gives you

"Also, it turns bad shots into good ones. You can bit a four-iron thin across a green course, may in time achieve and the rough will stop it a foot from the putting surface. If I could choose, I'd take Portmarnock. It's a great test of golf and a great seaside

gon and a great seaside course with the Open coming up."

Torrance was not particularly happy, either, about the decision to change the parfive 18th into a 452-yard, uphill, into-the prevailing wind, lake infront of the creament. lake-in-front-of-the-green par four. "It's simple," he said. "If Sam Torrance, the defend- the wind blows, we won't be

spending of a further £10 million to turn the 18th century tion to turn the tem century manor. Woodstock House, into a clubhouse, bruised egos will not be able to restore themselves with the facility accorded to a previous tenant, the Right Reverend Lord Robert Tottenham, Bishop of

He suffered a mild skin complaint and was advised to complaint and was advised to bathe in red wine. But as it drained away, the butler, in the basement, siphoned it into bottles and sold it to a nearby pub. The butler, it is said, lost his job, the pub its licence, and the bishop gave new meaning to the term "old

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# Fredericks flying for Atlanta

Christie off the pace but Mighty Michael pulls Black to British 400m record

INFORD CHRISTIE had the tables turned on him here last night by his training part-ner Frankie Fredericks, who missed becoming the world's fastest man by the smallest possible margin. Michael Johnson, meanwhile, duly won the 400 metres in 43.66sec, pulling Roger Black through to second place in a new British record of 44.37. Christie finished only fifth in the 100m and Fredericks.

who has been training all year with the Olympic champion under his coach Ron Roddan, ran 9.86sec to come within 0.01sec of Leroy Burrell's world record set on the same track almost two years ago to the day.

And if the Namibian had

not celebrated too early by throwing his arms in the air on the line rather than running through it, the record would surely have been his. Instead he joined Carl Lewis in second place on the all-

Fredericks, who had posted his world-record potential when he ran 9.87 on a cold night in Helsinki last week, was one of three men to dip under 10 seconds in the Swiss race. Canada's Donovan Balley, the world champion, finished second in 9.93 with Trinidad's Ato Boldon third in 9.94. It brought the Olympian task facing Christie never involved at the sharp end of the race and his time of 10.04 left him 0.04 behind Jon Drammond, another of his Atlanta rivals.

Since working with Chris-tie, Fredericks has been performing as though someone has suddenly put his body in fast forward. But he has surely never accelerated like he did here as he destroyed a field that had cost the organisers \$250,000 (£165,000) to assemble, and was the most star-studded since last year's

Once Fredericks was over the line, the celebrations was over the first to shake his hand. "These were the best people I've raced Olympic silver medallist is against in all my life and to leaving his options open as cheeks pulling out in quick in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to have strespectively on the European in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record to be ago. "Tm surprised I ran so great Jessie Owens, Johnson fast because I haven't been glick the Britais record in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record in Birmingham two weeks the Britais record in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in the Inst 200 metres. In the Britais record in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in the Inst 200 metres. In the Britais record in Birmingham two weeks in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in Birmingham two weeks in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in Birmingham two weeks the Britais respectively on the European I in Birmingham two weeks a



Quick step . . . Fredericks finishes ahead of Christie, back in fifth place, after equalling the second fastest 100m of all time Photograph: Gray MortiMori

of Seoul, the indications are that, pushed by the same field on the superfiest surface in Atlanta, Fredericks might ron faster this summer than Ben Johnson did in Rome nine summers ago when his

tive for steroids in March last year — expires next spring. The Super League team have

agreed a new two-year deal with 23-year-old hooker that will start when the suspen-

Great Britain's men's team play their last international before the Olympic Games

Pat Rotoley.
Britain will be looking for a

moving on to Atlanta.

Cleave Lewis, who helped the Worthing Bears to three successive Budweiser Cham-

pionships, is returning to the Budweiser League club as player-coach. The American

Basketball

Hockey

beat all of them was fantas-tic," said Fredericks. | late as possible whether to do | breaths as his gold chain | Consistency — that's the key | 44.15, Richardson finished to this game." | second in 44.52 and Baulch | Consistency — that's the key | 44.15, Richardson finished to this game." | second in 44.52 and Baulch | The 15,000 crowd was given | third in 44.57, both setting have to sit down with my coach and decide," he said. Johnson, confirming his invincibility, blazed to a one-sided victory after a curious start during which he allowed his compatriot Darnell Hall to 9.83, on his own admission, lead for the first 200 metres. the British record he had set

alone, he held his arms aloft before setting off on yet an-other victory lap.

Black care more confirmed his position as the best quar-ter-miler outside the United

a taste of what was to come early on in the 400m B race, where Britain's Mark Richardson and Jamie Baulch, neither of whom had been moved to fifth and sixth races," he said.

of Westminster 38, 8.16: Moleaney bt 5t Haid 28, 7.50; lefs bt Sons 31, 7.30; Rameling bt Tharmes Tradesmen 42, 7.51; Derbrasetts College & (US) bt Wallingford 2, 7.53; Derbrase Univ & Derbrase 19, 7.55; Derbrase 1949 & Derbrase 1949, 7.57; Beffast bt Culpin 21, 8.09; Loughbarough bt Nottingham Trent 19, 8.10; Megasten bt London 194, 8.02; Mermand SC (US) bt Radley 11, 8.07; Bestimat bt Upper Taumes 31, 7.57; Derbrat Brookes bt Cambridge 89 31, 7.51; Oerbrat Brookes bt Royal Chester 19, 7.58.

Royal Chester 19, 7.85.

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6.35 (5f 49)yda): 1, TREES OF TIMES, A McCarthy (9-1): 2, Songaheet (7-4 Jt Fay): 3, Super Rooky (7-4 Jt Fay): 5 ran. IX, 3, (M Ryan) Tota: 12/50; 12.50, P1.50. Dual F: 20.70, GSF: 225.20.

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7.35 (1ss Syde): 1, WILD PALE, Emma O'Gormen (4-1 Ji Fav); 2, Hir Rosspi (3-1); 3, Telestheth (10-1). 4-1 Jr Fav Passage Creeping, 11 ran. Shd, shd. (W O'Gorman) Tota: 25.35; 21.70, 23.70, 23.50. Dual P. 539.10. Tric: \$119.20. CSF: 228.43. Tricasts 532.22.

S.05 (6f 3yds): 1, SARBAC, W Ryan (4-5 Fav); 2, Blue Goblin (2-1): 3, Chymne (15-1), 8 ran. 2, 7. (H Cacil) Tota: C.170: 51.40, 51.10, 53.70. Dual F: 51.80. CSF: 53.24.

C Richie Woodhail has resigned himself to having to wait for a world title chance after calling off his bid to win the WBC middleweight crown in Las Vegas later this month. The Tettoral boxer had been due to meet the champion Keith Holmes on July 13, but Woodhall has now postpaned the fight because the American promoser Don King wanted him to sign a contract that would have given him options on the former European champion's next four lights it he had beaten Holmes.

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personal bests, Richardson's early season was derailed by a bad bout of

food poisoning that restricted him to fifth in the Olympic In the 110m hurdles, Colin

Jackson led for the first half of the race before the world champion Allen Johnson overhauled him to win in

#### **Tour de France**

### Heulot fans the flames

OR several days Chris Boardman has been looking anxiously at the lowering, windswept skies and making ominous mutterings to the effect that a single error in the crosswinds that have swept the Tour since the start can be as costly as a bed day in be as costly as a bad day in

Yesterday, heading east-wards, Boardman's worst fears came close to being con-firmed when the race split to mithereens on a stretch of flat road that in calm conditions would not have troubled an old lady nipping down the shops for a baguette.

single-line formation nick-named the echelon or l'eventail — a fan. The size of each fan depends simply on how many riders can fit on to the tarmac between the gutters and gain shelter from their fellows. When the wind is also slightly behind, as yesterday, the high speed means once a tiny gap appears between two fans there is no way back.

At one point there were half a dozen fans one behind the other, with most of the race man was in the third. together with his team-mate, the race leader Frédéric Moncassin. They both would have lost several minutes if it had not been for a change of direc-tion in the road that meant the sidewind became a headwind, suddenly and fortutiously slowing up the riders driving the front echelon. That they were a virtual list of all the favourites — Laurent Jalabert, Alex Zülle, Miguel Indurain and their do-mestiques — underlined that Boardman's plight, if tempo-

rary, was serious. Ironically, all ended well for the Briton and his Gan

Stephane Heulot spent much of the stage in a five-man es-cape and ended the day by snaffling the yellow jersey from Moncassin, who took the green points leader's jer-sey as compensation.

The move clearly gave In-durain and Jalabert food for thought, as Heulot finished fourth — one place ahead of Boardman — in the Dauphine Libere stage race in June, which means he can climb.
The other escapes who may
be seen again when the race
reaches the Alps was the Italian Mariano Piccoli, twice the King of the Mountains in the

The Spaniard and French man were concerned enough to order their teams to reduce the break's lead from 17 minwhen the wind blows from the side the riders spread difficulty across the road in a the lakeside finish. Here the surprise stage winders the Frenchman Cyril ner was the Frenchman Cyril Saugrain, an ear-ringed 23-year-old ranked 573rd in the world. His Aubervillers team have a tiny budget compared to the big leaguers and their inclusion in the race was widely regarded as patriotic charity or the control of the charity on the part of the or-ganisers. Now they will feel they have earned their place. The race followed the Route

Touristique de la Champagne along a twisting course to the south of Reims, between ser-ried ranks of verdant vines. Each honey-stone village had its own Premier Cru, which the locals dispensed liberally to the thirsty, motley crew known as the Tour suiveurs.

The champagne was not the only thing to turn heads. Riis, third last year and looking strong, came within a tyre's width of crashing when Jan Svorada lost control and fell in the crashing was a second of the control in the sprint for sixth place. The Dane has spent all year preparing for the Tour, but yesterday his race could have gone pop, rather than fizz. Today's stage: Lac de Madine

William Fotheringham is

# sprint (3 climb (1 = steepest) (3 refreshments

#### Sport in brief

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Naseem Hamed, the WBO featherweight champion, is to be questioned by police over allegations that he assaulted an 11-year-old boy. Dale Boulding claims Naseem hit him after an incident near the Sheffield gym where the

boxer trains. Naseem's trainer Brendan Ingle said the boxer was astounded that Boulding, a regular visitor to the gym over the past 18 months, had made

the claim. Boulding claims Naseem chased him after he made a cheeky remark during a footbail game. "He bent my fin-gers right back and said: 'On your knees. You dare to speak to the Prince of the World like that? He forced me down and

hit me," the boy said.
But Ingle said: "There was some name-calling and Naz chased him. He brought him back to the football pitch and told him to get on with the game, but this boy turned on the taps and said Naz bent his fingers back."

Rugby League David Stephenson will resume his playing career with Oldham Bears when his

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Live Commentary 28 WITH the 15-man code gearing up for its first fully professional season in a Match Reports 29 Derbyshire 31 Middlesex Durham 32 Northants, 41 Essex 33 Nottingham 42 welter of deal-making, Quins yesterday completed the signing of Laurent Cabannes, the Glamorgan 34 Somerset 32-year-old French flanker, on 35 Surrey Hampshire 35 Sussex

a two-year contract. Rob Andrew's Newcastle Gosforth signed the former Scotland B forward George Graham on a three-year contract. Graham, 30, has been playing rugby league for the past five years with Carlisle, who were paid a transfer fee. Bath's wing Jon Sleight-holme, their fly-half Richard

#### two-year drugs ban — imposed after he was tested posi-

MEDia Quester finate: R Krajicek (Helh) leads P SAMPRAS (US, 1) 7-3, 7-6, 1-1 unfinished; J Stoltenberg (Aus) leads G IVANISEVIC (Cro. 4) 8-3, 7-6, 5-7

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12.87. when they meet Italy, runners up to Switzerland in the Alps Cup last week, at Bisham this afternoon, writes

morale-boosting win after their recent tired displays in Amsterdam, and will be par-ticularly hopeful that the cor-ner specialist Calum Giles gets on the score-sheet.
Britain's women's team leave for the United States today. They are to acclimatise in North Carolina before

guard-forward replaces the former England international Colin Irish, who has joined the French club Pitch Cholet.

holme, their fly-half Richard
Butland, prop Kevin Yates
and lock Martin Haag have all
signed to stay with the
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MATIONAL LEAGUM San Francisco 5, Colorado 1; Montreal 5, Atlanta 1; Philadelphia 3, New York 2; Phisburgh 7, Calcago 15; Houston 4, Florida 9 (in 12); St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3; San Diego 3, Los Angeles 7, Assenta City 2; Detroit 1, Milwayukse 2 (in 11); New York 7, Bosson 5; Toronto 2, Sall-more 8; Chicago 7, Milmasota 4; California 8, Tocas 5; Seattle 6, Oaldand 11.

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#### Quickest and best boats to race around the world

**Bob Fisher** 

ARACE around the globe fin the 10 fastest sailing boats in the world, irreboats in the world, irre-spective of size and type, at the beginning of the 21st century has long been a dream for Bruno Peyron. Yesterday in London, the French sallor revealed that the dream had become a reality with the support of his first financial newtoer.

his first financial partner

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It is a race of simplicity
and purism that Peyron
purely and simply calls The
Race. The dream began in
1993 and for three years he
has checked his telescond. has checked his ideas with possible competitors, the world's best offshore skip-pers, to test their viability. He has also had to discover whether commercial part-ners could be found to pro-vide the £10-15 million it will cost to organise.

Philippe Bourguignon, the chairman of Euro Dis-ney, said: "Bruno knows how to tell stories in a posi-tive way. Logistically, we can help to turn a good con-cept into reality." cept into reality."
Peyron said: "The whole

concept is very Disney. It fires the imagination and they will provide the added As owners of the sports television channel ESPN,

Disney will also provide broadcasting facilities from each of the boats which will allow live television coverage of a race that itself will nand a high level of technical innovation. Peyron already has the

support of his peers, eager to build huge boats, trima-rans and catemarans of 150 feet in length and even monohulls of more than 250 feet for the race, which will start on January 31 2000. To qualify, entries must make transatlantic or transpacific passages and the fastest 10 will be selected to take part in The

#### Motor Racing

#### Schumacher II set to start at the bottom of Formula 1

Alan Henry

PALF SCHUMACHER is poised to join his big brother Michael in Formula One next season.

Approaches have been made on his behalf to Jackie Stewart's fledgling F1 team, which will make its debut in 1997, and there are rumours that he will soon try out in a McLaren-Mercedes with a view to becoming that team's test driver next season.

Both Schumacher brothers are managed by the Stutigart-based businessman Willy Weber, a long-time motor rac-ing insider who fielded both men in the German F3 cham-pionship as their careers took shape. Michael took that title in 1989 and Ralf finished second in last year's contest behind Norberto Fontana, who is now the test driver for the Sanber-Ford F1 team. Ralf Schumacher is now

competing in the Japanese national Formula Nippon championship, where he Villeneuve again in our linerecently won his second race | up next season," he said.

of the season to lead the series. However, he and Weber are keen to make it only a single season away from Europe and have de-cided Ralf, at the age of 20, is ready for the jump directly into F1.

Meanwhile, Michael is being kept busy at Monza, where he was putting the Ferrari through its paces yester-day in an attempt to rectify the engine problems that made him such an infuriated non-starter in last Sunday's

French Grand Prix.

The champion plans to be doing much the same there again today and for the first three days of next week before coming to Silverstone for Sunday week's British GP.

One Williams insider yes-terday dismissed reports that Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the Sauber-Ford team leader, is close to a deal that would see him replacing the former In-dyCar star Jacques Ville-neuve. "I would bet my bouse it will be Damon Hill and

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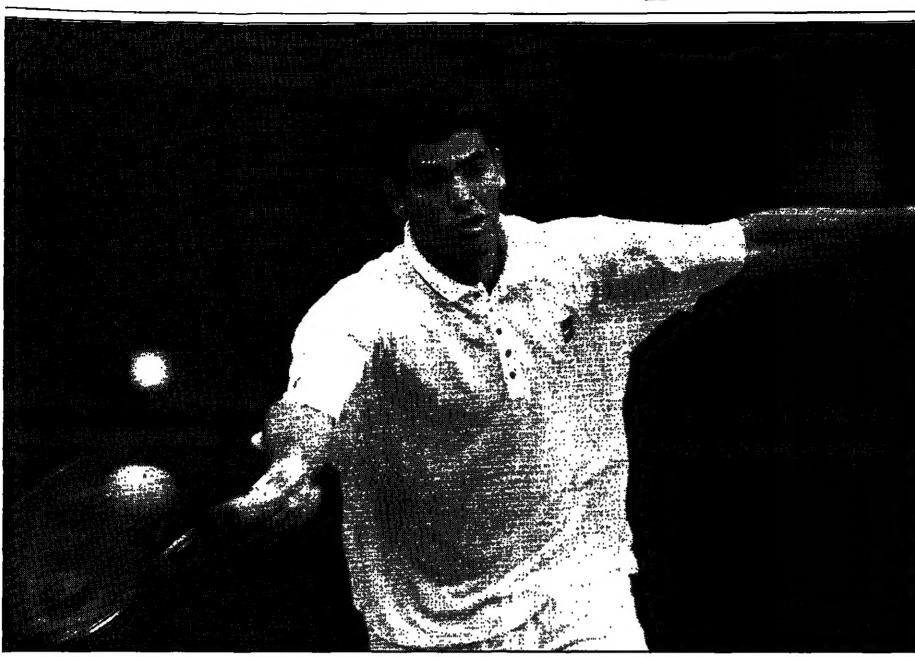
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## Sampras fights for survival

Stephen Bierley on a remarkable day that left two of | managed one more serve of | the No. 1 seed clipped the his own and then, at 2-2, the | baseline to save him, but this the few remaining top guns teetering on the brink

three years and an overwhelming favouring desperately to cling on to his Wimbledon crown when rain brought an end to play on the Centre Court last night. ued on the No. 1 court, where

the No. 4 seed Goran Ivanisevic found himself serving to save the match against the unseeded German Jason Stoitenberg. This the Croatian achieved, winning a third-set tle-break before the two players were ushered off. Stoltenberg leads 6-3, 7-6, 6-7.

ETE SAMPRAS, the Richard Krajicek of the God may be seen by many to champion for the past Netherlands, one of the big-three years and an overwhelming favour-has two sets of daylight begest servers on the circuit, find himself sharing a statue has two sets of daylight between him and Sampras in a home winner of the men's quarter-final match that title in 1936. began shortly after 12.30pm. It was still going strong (which is more than can be said for the American) at the close. will look back at the third returns of quite extraordiplay having been severely dislocated by rain.

> on court after this match, spent the day twiddling his

> thumbs. He will return this morning, first on at 11 o'clock, assuming the weather relents. If Sampras

had five break points in a game of nine deuces in the third game. Yet each time Krajicek managed to conjure up a sav-

ing shot, sometimes by sleight of hand, sometimes with a This single game lasted well

Should Sampras lose today,

uefiliness. The American was clearly

determined to impose himself

rain came bucketing down. Three hours and 40 minutes later they tried again and the significance of those missed

breaks took on a sharper focus. With Krajicek holding his serve to 6-5 Sampras was dramatically broken to love. Not so much broken as torn limb from limb.

game of the first set against Krajicek with particular ruefulness. nary venom leaving Sampres blinking with disbelief. These two had never met pefore in a Grand Slam event. although in four previous

on the Dutchman's serve at meetings Krajicek had won the earliest opportunity and twice. "I knew he would be coming along one day at Wim-bledon," said Sampras, as if hinting at some strange foreboding.

Play was stopped again in the second set and when it resumed Sampras was again in trouble with a break point against his serve in the 12th against his serve in the 12th guise the feelings game. A mishit backhand by frustration.

was only to delay his loss of the set. Prior to yesterday Kraji-

cek's tie-break record was abysmal; on this occasion he sive control, speeding to a 5-0 but a final backhand pass saw the Dutchman home in the second set, if not exactly dry. It was 1-1 in the third set when Centre Court's struggle

with the elements finally ended. One of the men moving the huge tarpaulin cover was hit on the back of the head and had to be carried off. This unfortunate accident SW19 yesteday morning; it allowed further rain to get on was tension he had to live the court so at just after play was abandoned, no doubt to the relief of Sampras. Neither the sight of Sam-

pras in terrible trouble, nor an impromptu rain-break concert by Sir Cliff Richard (terrible to some), could dis-

This was to have been Hen man's big moment: the day the British No. 1 took on Todd Martin in the quarter-finals, the first time British tennis had experienced such delight since 1973 when Roger Taylor played a fledgling Bjorn Borg. At least Henman is used to such delays. After beating Yevgeny Kafelnikov on the first Tuesday in glorious sun-

next two matches.

ished when play ended. There was an understand-able touch of tension on his face as he left his home for with all day and take to bed with him last night. No player enjoys such situations, for it is impossible to unwind, even if the chances of playing are

Milligan, were both unfin-

virtually nil. Fate stalks SW19 this year Both Henman and Martin will wake up believing a place in Sunday's final is theirs.

### Why America prefers to stay off track



lan Katz

love with Michael nusculature ripples across the cover of every glossy Olympic supplement, he has been a guest on all the morning television shows and he is the star of a new govern-ment-funded anti-drug adver-

tising campaign.
The sprinter's popularity is scarcely surprising in the wake of his world record-shar tering 200 metres at the US Olympic trials last month. Americans love a good super snared a fine one. Who could fail to be excited by the idea of an American breaking the old-est record in athletics?

What is surprising is that the athlete's celebrity in his own homeland has been so long in coming. Long after the French were referring to him as Magique, Johnson could walk through his home town of Dallas without fear of being backers for the Dallas Cowboys were more likely to be

stopped for autographs. Pundits have placed the blame on his bland personal ity and apparent distaste for showmanship. He was, after all, the man who celebrated victories in the 200m and 400m at the world championships in Gothenburg with a tour of the Volvo factory.

In truth, however, the failure to embrace Johnson reflects America's profoundly paradoxical relationship with athletics. On one hand the US dominates much of the sport producing a seemingly endless stream of top-class sprint-ers and supremely gifted all-Americans care who ran the much as who is relegated from the English Second Division. The vanishing profile of sth-

letics was powerfully underlined by the ticket requests received for the Atlanta Olympics. The most sought-after seats were for the opening and closing ceremonies, the baseball and basketball finals and some gymnastics events. More people applied to see the women's floor exercise final than the 100m, the blue-ribbon event in any other country. The second-class status of athletics has been visible

throughout the build up to the Games. Sheryl Swoops, the lis-some heroine of the US women's basketball team, has received twice the coverage ring Johnson or Lewis, Even ohnson has barely emerged from the shadow of Dream Team III, the Olympic basketball side that does not even include the NBA's two best

Everyone involved in the in big trouble in America. The major international meet When it tries, the stands are empty. According to Brad Hunt, the agent who repre including Johnson, the sport has come "almost to the stage

It is hard to see why. On the face of it athletics has all the ingredients to make it an American favourite: endles statistics; convenient breaks for TV advertising and an abundance of home-grown in-ternational stars. Sure there are a few races that go on too long and a handful of events, shot putt for instance, that won't sell. But they can easily be edited into obscurity.

Field, the sport's governing body, for failing to mount the kind of that have turned baskethall into a multi-billion dollar cash machine and even sold American football, a game so ridiculous that no other nation has bothered to learn its rules. If athletics had cool adverts and a catchy slogan like basketball's "I Love this Game", they say, lycra bodysuits would be flying off the shelves as quickly as Michael Jordan

The sport's bosses insist they are not to blame, intimat ing that the problem lies with their prickly stars. Lewis, arguably the greatest track athlete of all time, was never promoted as athletics' answer to Jordan because of a longrunning feud with USA Track and Field. Labelled as arrodorsement in the US until 1992, eight years after he wor four golds at the Los Angeles

Lewis's longevity has earned him a kind of redemp tion but US hopes now lie on Johnson's broad shoulders. If he wins the precious 200m and 200m double at Atlanta, a cable channel might get round to televising athletics on days where there are no college football games or figure skating competitions. If he fails, he can reclaim his anonymity.

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### BBC hit as Fifa sells off World Cup for £1.5bn

Neil Robinson

HE BBC and ITV face huge rise in the cost of television rights to future soccer World Cups after Fifa yesterday broke with long tradition by deny-ing Europe's terrestrial broadcasters automatic coverage of tournaments after

Soccer's governing body an-nounced a £1.46 billion deal or the 2002 and 2006 World Cups with the Bavarian media mogul Leo Kirch and the Swiss-based marketing agency ISL, who will auction the rights off to individual

The decision to end the current agreement with the European Broadcasting Union, the umbrella body which bid £1.1 billion, ends more than 25 years of guaranteed access for public-service Theoretically the BBC and ITV may now be denied coverage after France in 1998. Although this is unlikely there in Europe," it said, adding will be a price to pay. Fifa retains ownership of

the rights and has a veto over which individual broadcasters are sold the rights to the world's biggest sporting event. It has previously shied away from satellite stations in order to maximise audi-

ences for sponsors.
"We want to know that the best coverage is done because football should be accessible to everyone — which means that in Mali, in the mountains of Switzerland and in Bolivia people have the right to see the World Cup," said Fifa's general secretary Sepp Blatter. "This is our responsibility, to make sure that they see it. It is our duty."

Neither the BBC nor ITV would comment yesterday. However, the German public broadcaster ARD said soccer fans would suffer. "[Fifa] is breaking off a successful 24-

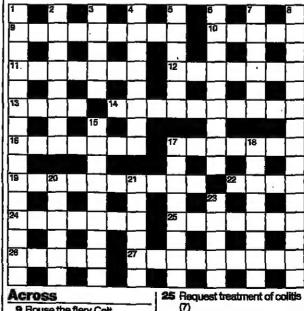
met through additional adver-

casters will be alarmed by the knock-on effect of the EBU's defeat. The last deal, negoti-ated in 1983, was for three tournaments (1990, 1994 and 1998). Under its terms broadcasters outside the United States paid a combined total of £180 million. That valued the rights to the 1998 tournament at £65 million, of which the EBU pays half and BBC and ITV £1.6 million each. Elements within Fifa have long claimed the World Cup was undersold. Its previous failure to capitalise on the vast global audience formed part of the power struggle be-tween Fifa's veteran president Joao Havelange and Uefa's president Lennart Johannson.

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9 Rouse the flery Celt,

perhapsi (9)

10 Pinch, for example, makes: ort cross (5)

11 Unusually smart do for film eminence (7)

12 Tiredness may lead to military punishment (7) 13 One shouldn't lie under It (4)

14 Alan sent up in a nesty way 16 They're not often miscast in

Westerns (7) 17 Bird from the frozen North

19 It's not often the present combines with the past

22 Brings back plans for canned meat (4) 24 Longed for 1996, for example, to end in style (7) 26 Estimated trade turnover (5

27 Painters may paint it, and in a variety of places (9)

1 The Met office (3.8,4) 2 Can't have venison without

a bottle of wine (8) 3 Room for mental

improvement, perhaps (5) 4 Sult worn by the wealthy (8)

5 An attractive woman - this

much one can see (6) 6 Party's final measure? (4,5)

7 Variation in game puzzles 8 Lady-in-waiting? (9,6) 15 Hostile fire one can and

does get involved in (9) 17 Grace may arrive in diaguise

spice (8)

20 I am in a rage it appears (6)

23 Disagreement on a question

22 Stuck? Then cell our solutions line on 0891 338 238. Calls cost 39p per

mir. cheep rate, 49p per min at all other times. Service supplied by ATS

21 Rather small drunk (6)

of colour? (5)

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